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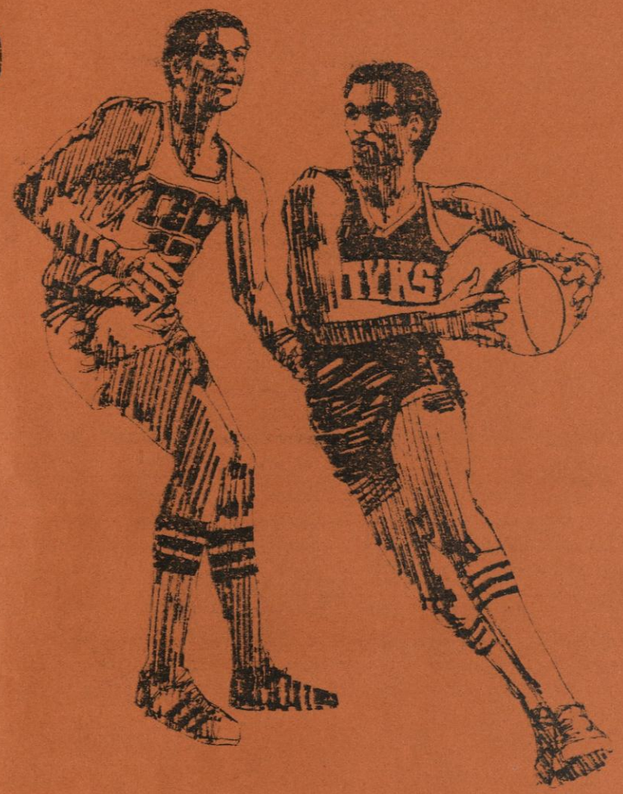

Men's Basketball 1979-80

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PAUL ARNOLD

YEAR	G	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	RPG	AST	STL	BLK	TAK CHG	TO	PF	PTS	PPG
1975-76	13	5	10	.500	1	5	.200	9	0.7	2	0	1	-	5	13	11	0.8
1976-77	23	21	33	.636	10	15	.667	36	1.7	5	8	7	-	17	29	52	2.3
1978-79	25	10	31	.323	11	15	.733	37	1.5	8	9	9	-	21	39	31	1.2
1979-80	26	24	40	.600	11	20	.550	67	2.6	6	3	14	11	20	58	59	2.3
	87	60	114	.526	33	55	.600	149	1.7	21	20	31	11	63	139	153	1.8

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

	SCORING	REBOUNDING	BLOCKED SHOTS	TAKE CHARGE
FRESHMAN	13th on Team	12th on Team	11th on Team	-
SOPHOMORE	9th on Team	7th on Team	3rd on Team	-
JUNIOR	11th on Team	7th on Team	1st on Team	-
SENIOR	8th on Team	4th on Team	1st on Team	2nd on Team
HIGH GAME	8pts - Swarthmore UMES 76-77	8 reb - Jersey City 1979-80	3 blk - Madison Frostburg	3 chg - Delawre St 1979-80

HONORS RECEIVED

4 year Letter Winner . . . 1975-80
Most Charges Taken, 1 game 3

SSC CAREER SCORING	SSC CAREER REBOUNDING	SSC CAREER FG PCT
51st ranked . . . 153	30th ranked 149	4th ranked . . .526

Paul contributed 4 years to the SSC basketball program. It was no coincidence that his senior year saw the GULLS have their best record. Paul matured into a very good defensive player as is testified by leading the team his last 2 years in blocked shots and this year being second in drawing charges. Paul gave his best and was a true team player. Always at practice, Paul continually put forth his best effort day in and day out for four years on the practice court. Paul did a great deal for the program that will not go in the record books, but I know and am very greatful for his four years here.

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PAUL CAPODANNO

YEAR	G	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	RPG	AST	STL	BLK	TAK CHG	TO	PF	PTS	PPG
1977-78	16	20	44	.455	9	14	.643	16	1.0	19	7	3	-	29	17	49	3.1
1978-79	23	38	90	.422	14	21	.667	19	0.8	53	14	0	-	55	36	90	3.9
1979-80	25	43	104	.413	47	60	.783	39	1.6	78	15	2	6	76	51	133	5.3
	64	101	238	.424	70	95	.737	74	1.2	150	36	5	6	160	104	272	4.3

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

	SCORING	ASSISTS	STEALS	TAKE CHARGE
SOPHOMORE	10th on Team	7th on Team	9th on Team	
JUNIOR	7th on Team	1st on Team	6th on Team	
SENIOR	5th on Team	1st on Team	6th on Team	3rd on Team
HIGH GAME	16 pts- Va. Wesleyan 1979-80	7 ast - York,St. Marys 1979-80	4 stl - Oneonta 1978-79	1 chg - Several Teams

HONORS RECEIVED

3 year Letter Winner 1977-80
Outstanding Hustler 1978-79

SSC CAREER SCORING	SSC CAREER ASSISTS	SSC CAREER FT PERCENTAGE
33rd ranked . . 272	9th ranked . . 150	12th ranked 737

Paul tried to do the things on the court that make teams win. His senior year was one in which he put it all together to lead the team to its best record since records were recorded. Paul will not be in the record books because he offered his assets to be used anyway the team needed them. Such areas as taking the charge, clutch foul shooting, rebounding when we had to have it, getting the loose balls were areas that Paul showed great leadership in. I will always remember Cap as a player who constantly gave everything he had to help the team in any way he could - a true team player.

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JUAN GABOUREL

YEAR	G	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	RPG	AST	STL	BLK	TAK CHG	TO	PF	PTS	PPG
1976-77	25	208	387	.537	96	131	.733	112	4.5	14	24	6	-	71	67	512	20.5
1977-78	24	140	291	.481	85	104	.817	95	4.0	28	24	1	-	52	57	365	15.2
1978-79	26	215	410	.524	153	177	.864	85	3.3	37	24	5	-	73	63	583	22.4
1979-80	26	243	480	.506	118	146	.808	133	5.1	42	57	2	0	77	57	604	23.2
	101	806	1568	.514	452	558	.810	425	4.2	121	129	14	0	273	244	2064	20.4

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

	SCORING	REBOUNDING	STEALS	ASSISTS
FRESHMAN	1st on Team	4th on Team	4th on Team	8th on Team
SOPHOMORE	3rd on Team	4th on Team	3rd on Team	6th on Team
JUNIOR	1st on Team	4th on Team	3rd on Team	2nd on Team
SENIOR	1st on Team	3rd on Team	2nd on Team	4th on Team
HIGH GAME	45 pts - St. Mary 1978-79	11 reb - Jersey City 1979-80	5 stl - Frostbrg 1979-80	6 ast - Shepherd 1979-80

HONORS RECEIVED

4 year Letter Winner 1976-80
MVP Gull Classic 1977,78,79
MVP Va. Wesleyan Tourn 1979
MVP Blue Jay Tournament . . . 1980
All Maryland Colliate 1977,79
NCAA All South Atlantic . . . 1980

RECORDS HELD:

Most Career Points 2064
Best Career Free Throw Pct .810
Most Career FT Made. . . . 452
Most Career FG Made. . . . 806
Best Season FT Pct 864
Most Season FT Made. . . . 153
Most Consecutive FT Made . 23
Most Points in 1 game. . . 45

SSC CAREER SCORING	SSC CAREER REBOUNDING	SSC CAREER STEALS	SSC CAREER FG PCT	SSC FT PCT
1st ranked . . 2064	11th ranked . . . 425	5th ranked . . 129	5th ranked . .514	1st . . .810

An era has passed when Juan's last game was halted prematurly when UMES saw fit to give up. Juan is the most prolific scorer in Gull history, but he also did many other things to bring Gull basketball to the winning side in 3 of his 4 years here. Playing sick, hurt and rebounding, playing defense were all there when the team needed them. Three tournament MVP'S his senior year says it all. You don't replace a player of Juan's caliber, you just hope a team of players can do some of the things that we all took for granted that Juan would do every night on the court.

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JIM HUNT

YEAR	G	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	RPG	AST	STL	BLK	TAK CHG	TO	PF	PTS	PPG
1978-79	26	135	289	.467	77	108	.713	173	6.7	29	53	6	-	88	105	347	13.3
1979-80	26	180	303	.594	111	137	.810	243	9.3	31	77	13	24	72	95	471	18.1
	52	315	592	.532	188	245	.767	416	8.0	60	130	19	24	160	200	818	15.7

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

	SCORING	REBOUNDING	STEALS	TAKE CHARGE
JUNIOR	2nd on Team	3rd on Team	1st on Team	-
SENIOR	2nd on Team	1st on Team	1st on Team	1st on Team
HIGH GAME	33 pts - DEL ST. 1979-80	15 reb - J. HOPKINS 1979-80	9 stl - FROST 1978-79	3 chg - STOCKTON 1979-80

HONORS RECEIVED

2 year Letter Winner 1978-80
All Yellow Jacket Tourn. 1979
All Va. Wesleyan Tourn 1979
All Blue Jay Tournament 1980

RECORDS HELD:
Best FG Pct, season 594
Most Charges Taken, season. . 24
Most Charges Taken, 1 game . 3

SSC CAREER SCORING	SSC CAREER REBOUNDS	SSC CAREER STEALS	SSC CAREER FG PCT	SSC CAR. FT PCT
15th ranked . . 818	12th ranked . . 416	4th ranked . . 130	3rd ranked . .532	5th ranked . .767

Probably the single biggest factor in the Gulls record 16 wins this year was the change in playing style of Jim. He changed his game to fill the role that the team so badly needed. As a result his whole game became more effective and the team looked to him in the crucial situations. The faith the team possessed in Jim was evident in his election as captain. It took a great deal for Jim to fit his game into the role that I made for him - I'll never forget the effort and restraint that he used as he struggled to help the team in the way that he never truely accepted but did for the good of the team. Jim has some unforgettable games that made the team believe they could win. But the final UMES game probably showed it best - Jim played with determination that gradually carried over to the whole team and brought victory to the Gulls and frustration to UMES.

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MORRIS DICKERSON

YEAR	G	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	RPG	AST	STL	BLK	TAK CHG	TO	PF	PTS	PPG
1978-79	23	31	70	.443	18	28	.643	17	0.7	11	4	0	-	19	19	80	3.5
1979-80	24	41	89	.461	15	21	.714	21	0.9	9	11	0	1	26	25	97	4.0
	47	72	159	.453	33	49	.673	38	0.8	20	15	0	1	45	44	177	3.8

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

	SCORING	ASSISTS	STEALS
SOPHOMORE	8th on Team	8th on Team	9th on Team
JUNIOR	6th on Team	7th on Team	7th on Team
HIGH GAME	15 pts - York 1978-79	4 ast - UMBC 78-79 RUT-NEW 1979-80	2 stl - RUT-NEWARK 1979-80

HONORS RECEIVED

2 year Letter Winner 1978-80

SSC CAREER SCORING

47th ranked . . . 177

DEFENSE:(5)
- MAN WITH BALL - Fair, take away options and pressure him
- DENYING BALL - Fair, always strive to anticipate and be in position
- HELPING - Good, still need to work on taking charge
- REBOUNDING - Fair, concentrate on positioning
- TALKING - Needs Work, try to constantly alert your teammates

OFFENSE:(7)
- SCORING - Good, work on knowing when to shoot
- GETTING OPEN - Good, need to get open in shooting range facing basket
- PASS/RECEIVE - Fair, need to look inside more
- PICKING - Needs Work, try to set up your teammates for a shot
- BALL HANDLING - Good, Still pick up dribble too soon

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GEORGE GARRISON

YEAR	G	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	RPG	AST	STL	BLK	TAK CHG	TO	PF	PTS	PPG
1978-79	25	26	59	.441	7	14	.500	49	2.0	3	4	5	-	14	30	59	2.4
1979-80	22	19	44	.432	6	11	.545	36	1.6	4	3	2	4	4	29	44	2.0
	47	45	103	.437	13	25	.520	85	1.8	7	7	7	4	18	59	103	2.2

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

	SCORING	REBOUNDING	BLOCKED SHOTS	TAKE CHARGE
SOPHOMORE	9th on Team	5th on Team	3rd on Team	
JUNIOR	7th on Team	7th on Team	5th on Team	4th on Team
HIGH GAME	12 pts - Frostburg 1978-79	7 reb - York 1978-79	1 blk - Several Teams	1 chg - Several Teams

HONORS RECEIVED

2 year Letter Winner 1978-80

DEFENSE: (7)

MAN WITH BALL - Fair, take away options and keep hands up
DENYING BALL - Good, work on positioning quicker
HELPING - Good, anticipate more and distract with hands up
REBOUNDING - Fair, work on strengthening hands
TALKING - Fair, try to talk all the time

OFFENSE: (5)

SCORING - Fair, work on foul shot and 5-7 foot jumper facing up
GETTING OPEN - Fair, work on timing and leave once you realize pass wont come
PASS/RECEIVE - Needs work, work on hands and also to hit open shooter
PICKING - Good, just do more often to open up scorer
OFF REBOUND - Fair, go to board on every shot hard

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GREG SULLIVAN

YEAR	G	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	RPG	AST	STL	BLK	TAK CHG	TO	PF	PTS	PPG
1976-77	2	0	4	.000	3	6	.500	6	3.0	1	0	1	-	1	0	3	1.5
1977-78	26	52	117	.444	55	81	.679	36	1.4	45	19	0	-	67	23	159	6.1
1979-80	26	92	217	.424	42	64	.656	62	2.4	75	19	3	3	71	35	226	8.7
	54	144	338	.426	100	151	.662	104	1.9	121	38	4	3	139	58	388	7.2

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

	SCORING	REBOUNDING	ASSISTS	STEALS
FRESHMAN	13th on Team	10th on Team	10th on Team	11th on Team
SOPHOMORE	5th on Team	7th on Team	4th on Team	5th on Team
JUNIOR	4th on Team	5th on Team	2nd on Team	5th on Team
HIGH GAME	20 pts - Frostburg & York 1979-80	6 reb - RMC & JH 1979-80	6 ast - Several Teams	4 stl - J. Hopkin 1979-80

HONORS RECEIVED

2 year Letter Winner 1977-80

SSC CAREER SCORING	SSC CAREER REBOUNDING
26th ranked . . . 388	43rd ranked 104

DEFENSE: (7)

MAN WITH BALL - Good, Work on faking and taking away the drive
DENYING BALL - Good, when you concentrate on it
HELPING - Needs Work, concentrate on anticipating offense
REBOUNDING - Good, when you get position you are excellent
TALKING - Needs Work, try to talk all the time

OFFENSE: (11)

SCORING - Good, need to know when and where to shoot - drive more
GETTING OPEN - Excellent, you are very adept at this
PASS/RECEIVE - Good, tend to try to thread the needle too much
PICKING - Good, look to set more
BALL HANDLING - Good, but tend to loose concentration once in awhile

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JOHN BERENS

YEAR	G	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	RPG	AST	STL	BLK	TAK CHG	TO	PF	PTS	PPG
1978-79	25	96	194	.495	28	55	.509	173	6.9	16	15	1	-	44	61	220	8.8
1979-80	26	159	334	.476	53	78	.679	229	8.8	26	29	5	2	49	64	371	14.3
	51	255	528	.483	81	133	.609	402	7.9	42	44	6	2	93	125	591	11.6

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

	SCORING	REBOUNDING	ASSISTS	STEALS
FRESHMAN	4th on Team	2nd on Team	6th on Team	5th on Team
SOPHOMORE	3rd on Team	2nd on Team	6th on Team	4th on Team
HIGH GAME	26 pts - W & L 1979-80	17 reb - RUT-CAMDEN 1979-80	5 ast - RUT-CAM 1979-80	4 stl - FROSTBURG 1979-80

HONORS RECEIVED

2 year Letter Winner . . 1978-80
All Oneonta Tourn . . . 1979
All Blue Jay Tourn . . . 1980

SSC CAREER SCORING

19th ranked . . . 591

SSC CAREER REBOUNDING

13th ranked . . . 402

DEFENSE:(8)

MAN WITH BALL - Fair, force man to do what you want him to do
DENYING BALL - Good, anticipate and move feet to be in position
HELPING - Fair, take the charge more
REBOUNDING - Excellent, blockout and go to boards every shot
TALKING - Fair, work on continued talking

OFFENSE:(9)

SCORING - Good, work on foul shot and jumper selection
GETTING OPEN - Good, work on timing
PASS/RECEIVE - Good, Fake with ball some before passing
PICKING - Good, do more often and roll when opportunity exists
OFF REBOUNDS - Fair, go to boards all the time

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KEITH LAKE

YEAR	G	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	RPG	AST	STL	BLK	TAK CHG	TO	PF	PTS	PPG
1978-79	9	2	10	.200	5	8	.625	4	0.4	0	1	0	-	3	4	9	1.0
1979-80	11	11	24	.458	3	5	.600	5	0.5	1	1	0	0	3	11	25	2.5
	20	13	34	.382	8	13	.615	9	0.5	1	2	0	0	6	15	34	1.7

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

	SCORING	REBOUNDING	STEALS
FRESHMAN	11th on Team	12th on Team	12th on Team
SOPHOMORE	10th on Team	10th on Team	11th on Team
HIGH GAME	7 pts - St. Mary's 1979-80	1 reb - Several Teams	1 stl - Several Teams

DEFENSE: (3)

MAN WITH BALL - Fair, learn to direct man the way you want him to go or do
DENYING BALL - Fair, work on anticipation
HELPING - Fair, take charge and anticipate offense
REBOUNDING - Needs Work, positioning and jumping must be improved
TALKING - Needs Work, try to talk all the time

OFFENSE: (6)

SCORING - Good, work on better shot selection
GETTING OPEN - Good, work on timing and getting open in range
PASS/RECEIVE - Fair, work on getting ball inside and faking
PICKING - Needs Work, look to set more and open up to post
BALL HANDLING - Fair, need to pass sooner and protect ball

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FINAL BASKETBALL STATISTICS

1979 - 80

PLAYER	G	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	RPG	AST	STL	BLK	TAK CHG	TO	PF	PTS	PPG	VAL
HUNT	26	180	303	.594	111	137	.810	243	9.3	31	77	13	24	72	95	471	18.1	485
GABOUREL	26	243	480	.506	118	146	.808	133	5.1	42	57	2	0	77	57	604	23.2	431
BERENS	26	159	334	.476	53	78	.679	229	8.8	26	29	5	2	49	64	371	14.3	365
SULLIVAN	26	92	217	.424	42	64	.656	62	2.4	75	19	3	3	71	35	226	8.7	193
CAPODANNO	25	43	104	.413	47	60	.783	39	1.6	78	15	2	6	76	51	133	5.3	90
JACKSON	19	30	69	.434	23	39	.590	26	1.4	51	43	0	3	64	40	83	4.4	61
ARNOLD	26	24	40	.600	11	20	.550	67	2.6	6	3	14	11	20	58	59	2.3	58
DICKERSON	24	41	89	.461	15	21	.714	21	0.9	9	11	0	1	26	25	97	4.0	41
GARRISON	22	19	44	.432	6	11	.545	36	1.6	4	3	2	4	4	29	44	2.0	34
LAKE	11	11	24	.458	3	5	.600	5	0.5	1	1	0	0	3	11	25	2.3	3
WYNN	4	0	1	.000	0	0	.000	4	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.0	3
DAVIS	5	0	1	.000	0	1	.000	0	0.0	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0.0	1
MORRIS	4	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0.0	0	1	0	1	4	4	0	0.0	-6
SSC	26	842	1706	.494	429	582	.737	137 1002	38.5	324	261	41	55	466	471	2113	81.3	1805
OPPONENTS	26	852	1781	.478	291	438	.664	987	38.0	365	207	106		501	509	1995	76.7	1649

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RANDOLPH MACON	A	*	78	74	W	GLASSBORO STATE	H	OT	76	73	W			
JOHN JAY	H	*	76	52	W	UMBC	A		65	79	L			
US MERCHANT MARINE	H	*	102	85	W	ST. MARY'S	A		106	82	W			
DELAWARE STATE	H		79	85	L	RUTGERS-CAMDEN	H		82	66	W			
OHIO NORTHERN	H		68	91	L	UMBC	H	OT	81	86	L			
JERSEY CITY STATE	A		88	100	L	WASHINGTON & LEE	A	OT	83	84	L			
JOHNS HOPKINS	A	*	89	80	W	YORK COLLEGE	H		85	76	W			
WESTERN MARYLAND	A	*	102	88	W	ST. MARY'S	H		73	75	L			
JOHN JAY	A		54	34	W	RUTGERS-NEWARK	A		80	89	L			
WILLIAM PATTERSON	A		91	105	L	RUTGERS-CAMDEN	A		71	75	L			
FROSTBURG STATE	A		69	61	W	UMES	H	FORFEIT	66	55	W			

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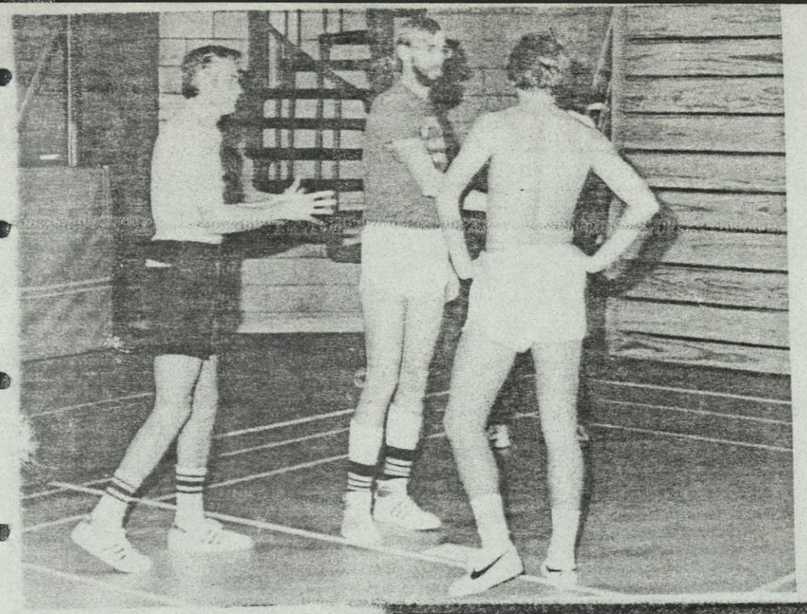
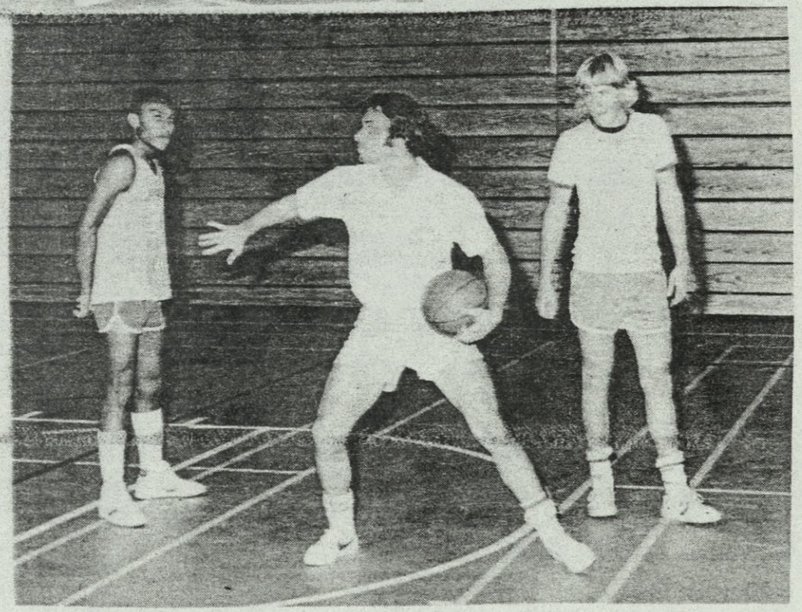
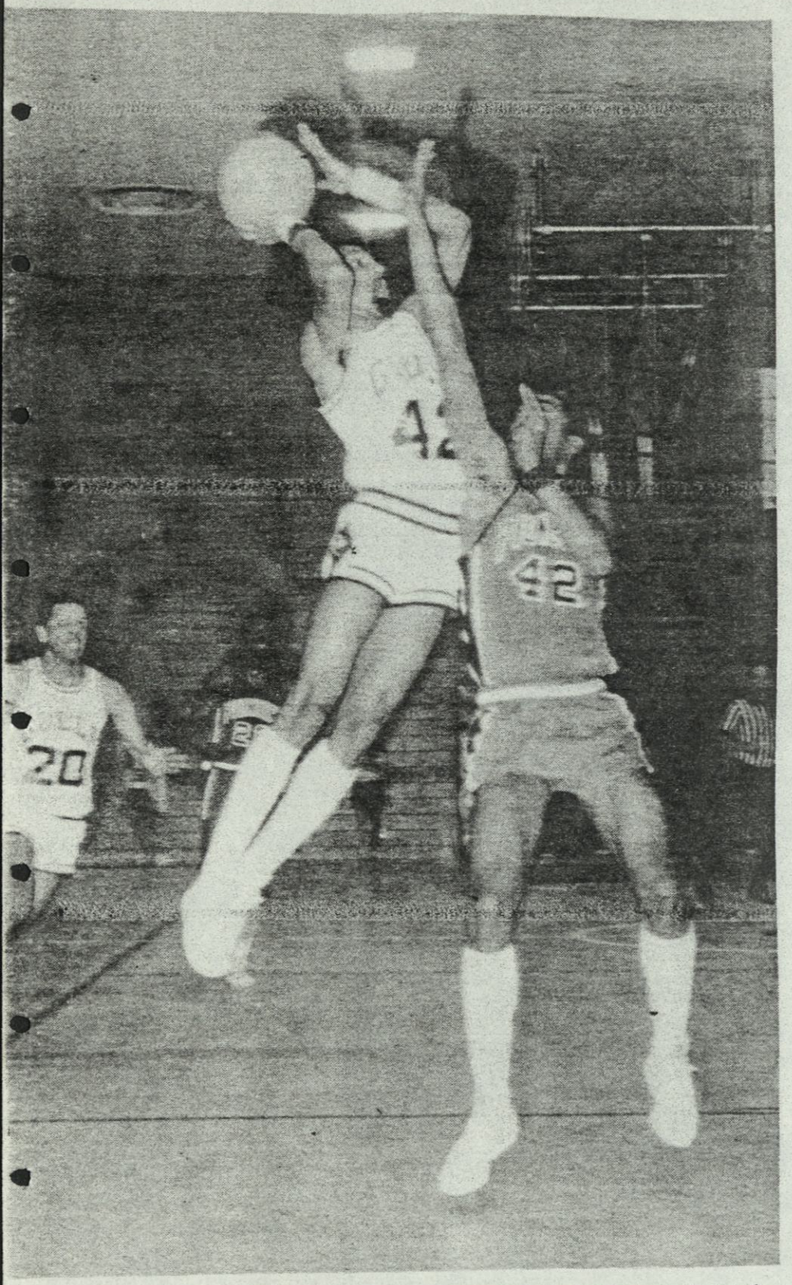




GETTING READY. Practice for the upcoming 1979-80 Salisbury State College men's basketball season started last week. The Sea Gulls will be seeking to rebound from last year's 6-20 mark. In left photo, Sea Gull coach Ward Lambert (left) beginning his 10th year as the SSC mentor, works with senior Paul Arnold (center) and freshman Bob Marlow (right). In right photo, assistant coach Len Chasanov (center) gives instructions to junior Tony Brown (left) and freshman Mike Palenski (right). Following the Gulls annual intra-squad Maroon and Gold game on November 19, SSC travels to York (Pa.) College for its season opener November 28. The Gulls open their home season with the Gull Classic December 6-8.



TWO. Senior swingman Juan Gabourel leans into a jumper during a contest last year. Gabourel, who needs just 60 points to become the all-time leading Salisbury State scorer, will be in action Monday night at 7:30 p.m. in the fourth annual Maroon-Gold intrasquad game at Maggs Activities Center.

Sea Gulls Basketball Unveiled Monday Night

The 1979-80 edition of the Salisbury State men's basketball team will be on display Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. at Maggs Physical Activities Center in the fourth annual Maroon-Gold Game.

The intrasquad contest between teams composed of varsity and junior varsity players has traditionally been a close affair, the outcome of all previous games decided by three points or less.

Starting for the Gold squad are Paul Capodanno and Greg Sullivan at the guards, Juan Gabourel and John Berens at the forwards and captain Jim Hunt at center. The reserve guards are William Crowdy, Bruce Marshall and Mark Jackson. The reserve forwards are Mark Livingston, Steve Redding and Ted Malinowski. The Gold squad is coached by SSC head coach Ward Lambert and assistant coach Dave Cottle.

The Starting five for the Maroon team is Ed Capodanno and Mo Dickerson at the guards, Greg Davis and Paul Arnold at the forwards and George Garrison in the pivot. Reserve guards are Glenn Norris, Vince Cottman and Mark Messick and reserve front court palyers are Bob Marlow, Keith Lake and Pat Wynn. The Maroon team is coached by SSC assistant coaches Len Chasanov and Ty Marshall.

Sea Gulls Open Cage Season Wednesday

Despite last year's 6-20 record, the poorest in Coach Ward Lambert's nine years at the helm of the Sea Gulls, the Salisbury State College mentor is cautiously optimistic about his squad's chances in the 1979-80 season.
season.

"Quickness and defense are our strong suits this year," said Lambert on the eve of the regular season. "We will try to make other teams play a full court game, using pressure defenses designed to disrupt the pattern of the opposition.

"We don't want to give other teams time to stop, set up and get the ball inside. Quickness and defense will carry us as far as we go; that and a solid nucleus of winning players."

Not blessed with a great deal of height, rebounding and inconsistent play at the point guard position are Lambert's biggest concerns entering his 10th season at SSC. Sound team defense built around the squad's excellent overall quickness may well nullify those doubts, however.

With the season opener at York College on Wednesday only three days away, Lambert was asked to assess each individual player on the team this season. The following are brief profiles of the basketball Sea Gulls and the contributions from each expected by their head coach.

JIM HUNT (6'4" 190 - SR Forward) - Captain

Strong, quick and agile, Jim has the tools to be a complete player. He is especially effective defensively in the middle under the basket. Offensively, Jim operates very well in a low post position. He is our strongest rebounder. Last season he was second in scoring (13.3pg) and third in rebounding (6.7).

JUAN GABOUREL (6'3" 170 - SR Forward)

When Juan scores his 60th point this year, he will be the all-time leading career scorer at Salisbury State. A pure shooter and quick driver, Juan is at his best on the fastbreak. He led the team in free throw percentage (.864) last season. His rebounding will be a factor this year.

PAUL CAPODANNO (5-10" 145 - SR Guard)

Paul should be the steadying influence from the point guard position. He has a fine outside shot and knows when to shoot it. He recognizes defenses well and knows how to attack them. Defensively, Paul is a hustler and scrapper — he comes to play.

PAUL ARNOLD (6'8" 205 - SR Center)

A solid defensive player, Paul has improved his offense with a good turnaround jumper. A good shot blocker as well as a position player, Paul should contribute to the Gulls rebounding and defense. His agility shows when he fills the lane on the fast break.

GREG DAVIS (6'0" 150 - JR Forward)

Greg plays hard on defense and offense. He does a lot of things well, but his attitude is what shows the best. Although his hustle makes him a good defensive player, he can score both from the outside and inside.

MO DICKERSON (6'0" 160 - JR Guard)

Mo is a quick scoring guard. He works hard on his defense and has developed into a good rebounder. Offensively Mo is a good outsider shooter who also possess a quick drive. Mo can lift the team at both ends of the court.

GEORGE GARRISON (6'6" 185 - JR Forward)

Rebounding and defense are George's specialities. A quick jump and defensive knowledge enhance his abilities as he is a team player. Offensively, George has a nice turnaround jumper and is one of the better offensive rebounders on the team.

GREG SULLIVAN (5'11" 170 - JR Guard)

Hard, pressure defense is Greg's forte. He is a challenger on defense and a great distraction to his opponent. Greg is a good driver and has a good outside shot. Despite his size, his overall strength makes him a factor on the boards.

ED CAPONDANNO (5'10" 145 - SO Guard)

Ed is a solid, fundamentally sound point guard. He understands the game well plus he plays with great enthusiasm. Defensively Ed does a good job anticipating and taking the charge. He also has a good short range jumper.

JOHN BERENS (6'5" 185 - SO Forward)

John knows his role and plays within his abilities. He takes advantage of his assets in rebounding as well as in his offensive moves. John has good hands and plays the game over his head. His best asset is his intellectual approach to the game.

MARK JACKSON (5'9" 140 - SO Guard)

Mark is the quickest player on the squad. He utilizes his quickness to enhance his defensive ability. On offense he is always a threat to penetrate and runs the break extremely well. Mark is our best defensive guard.

KEITH LAKE (6'3" 185 - SO Forward)

Keith is a top outside shooter. He operates well offensively both in close and up to 15 feet from the hoop. His rebounding is improving and he is concentrating on gaining position earlier.

PAT WYNN (6'6" 200 - SO Center)

Pat is another player that plays within his capabilities very well. A good rebounder, Pat can also score well with his short range jumper. He plays hard and should help the rebounding of the Gulls this year.

VINCE COTTMAN (6'0" 165 - SO Guard)

Vince is a good outside shooter. He is quick and also is a good leaper. He is refining his game offensively to fit in with the team concepts. Defensively, Vince is improving as he learns to take advantage of his quickness.

BOB MARLOWE (6'4" 185 - FR Forward)

Bob is a very heady player who could really help the Gulls offensively and defensively. He is a solid rebounder and willing to learn.

NAMED CAPTAIN. Jim Hunt, a senior power forward from Annapolis, has been named captain of the 1979-80 Salisbury State basketball team. Hunt, who played two years at Anne Arundel CC before transferring last fall, averaged 13.3 points per game and 6.7 rebounds a contest. The 6-foot-4, 190 pounder is shown here preparing to block the shot of Maryland-Eastern Shore All American Kenny Simmons. The Sea Gulls make their initial appearance of the season Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the fourth annual Maroon-Golf intrasquad game. Admission for the contest at Maggs Physical Activities Center is free.

Sea Gulls Rally In Final Half For 81-71 Triumph

YORK, Pa. — Salisbury State, down by as much as 23 points in the first half, shocked host York College Wednesday night 81-71 with an aggressive second half defensive performance in the season opener for both teams.

In a contest 10-year SSC head coach Ward Lambert billed as his most exhilirating win ever, York jumped out to a 6-0 advantage and never trailed en route to a 45-26 halftime lead. But the second half the Sea Gulls, a 6-20 team a year ago, began forcing turnovers with their overplaying defensive tactics, and, at the other end of the court, successfully got the ball inside to forwards John Berens and Juan Gabourel.

Berens, a 6-foot-4 sophomore, poured in 17 points in the final 20 minutes to tie Gabourel, a senior, for game high honors with 21 apiece. It was a Gabourel jumper that put the Gulls ahead for the first time, 68-67, with just under three minutes to play, a lead they never surrendered.

Following a York turnover, Greg Sullivan canned a jumper to boost the Gulls' margin to three points. York narrowed the deficit to 73-71, however, with 41 seconds to play before senior point guard Paul Capodanno hit a pair of free throws, he was 9-of-9 from the charity stripe for the evening, as the Gulls scored the game's final eight points.

Despite the loss of two of their strongest rebounders, Jim Hunt and Paul Arnold who both fouled out with five minutes to play, the Gulls enjoyed a 38-30 advantage under the boards. Berens was the leader with 12, while Gabourel had 11 and Hunt yanked down eight.

Capodanno had a fine all around floor game, scoring 15 points and handing out five assists. Hunt had 11 points and four assists.

Guard Ken Riddick was high for York with 21 points and forward Scott Mummert added 20.

Salisbury State (81)

Gabourel 9 3-4 21; Hunt 5 1-2 11; Berens 10 1-3 21; Sullivan 2 0-2 4; Capodanno 3 9-9 15; Arnold 3 0-0 6; Jackson 1 0-0 2; Garrison 0 1-2 1; (Totals: 33 15-23 81)

York College (71)

Kopko 2 0-0 4; Riddick 9 3-3 21; Chapell 6 0-0 12; Yates 2 0-0 4; Mummert 8 4-5 20; Crawford 4 0-1 8; Moyer 0 2-5 2; (Totals: 31 9-13 71)

Halftime score: York College, 45-26.

Sea Gulls In Cage Tourney

Coming off one of its most thrilling comeback victories ever, the Salisbury State men's basketball team travels to Virginia Beach today for the two - day second annual Virginia Wesleyan - Methodist Invitational Tournament.

The 1-0 Sea Gulls meet the host school, the defending champion of this event, at 9 p.m. following the tournament opener between Randolph - Macon and North Carolina Wesleyan. The Friday night winners and losers square off Saturday evening.

SSC appeared to be doomed to open its season with a road loss when the Sea Gulls went to the dressing room Wednesday night trailing York (Pa.) College 45-26. The Gulls had fallen behind by as much as 23 points during the opening half.

The Sea Gulls came out scrapping to open the second half, though, winning the tip off and retrieving four missed shots before John Berens rattled in a jump to cut the deficit to 17. York called timeout immediately and then boosted its advantage back to 21 points. But the Gulls had set the second half tempo with that determined effort on their first possession of the half and continually whittled away at the York lead until Juan Gabourel sank a short jumper to give SSC its first lead of the game, 68-67, with just under three minutes to play.

SSC outscored York 13 to 4 the rest of the way to come away with an emotion charged 81-71 victory.

"It was a good team effort," said SSC coach Ward Lambert. "Even the people not playing were contributing with their vocal support. And our defense in the second half was tremendous."

Berens, the 6 - foot - 4 sophomore forward from Lincoln, Del., keyed the second half surge with 17 of his 21 points total. He also pulled down a game high 12 rebounds as the Gulls outrebounded York 38 to 30 for the game and 19 to 5 in the second half.

Senior swingman Juan Gabourel tied Berens for game scoring honors with 21 and provided encouraging work under the boards with 11 rebounds. Gabourel's magic number for leading a new career Sea Gulls scoring record is now 39.

Lambert's two biggest concerns going into the season were rebounding and inconsistent backcourt guard play. The Gulls seem to have taken proper corrective steps based on their first game, as point guard Paul Capodanno handed out five assists and was unerring from the foul line, hitting all nine free throws.

The Gulls have their hands full tonight, however. Virginia Wesleyan, despite a season opening 84-66 loss to Hampden - Sydney Wednesday night, is coming off a 23-6 1978-89 campaign, the Blue Marlins' most successful season ever. The Marlins copped the Dixie Conference championship for the second straight year and took third place in the NCAA Division II South Atlantic Regional.

Gone from head coach Don Beyth's championship team are leading scorer Mark Butts, Marvin Brown, Gary Edwards, Jim Engles and Dave Schultz. However, even with this loss of experience and leadership, with talent remains and Marlin faithful are talking championship again this year.

Much of this talent comes in the form of Norman "Bones" Phillips (6-4), the Marlins' slam - dunking, shot - blocking, crowd pleasing center who scored 24 points Wednesday. As a freshman he was named MVP of the conference tournament and last year was a dominant force in the middle as the Marlins streaked toward the championship.

The other big men returning are senior Jerry Kramer (6-6) and junior John Bledsoe (6-6). Kramer averaged 8.2 points and 4.1 rebounds a game last year and he's expected to improve on these figures this season.

Reddy Pearce (6-5), a senior four - year letterman, returns to his small forward spot where he played so well last season. Pearce is an intense rebounder and good shooter, and should finish his career with a strong season.

In the backcourt, Gary Richardson (6-0) returns to direct the Marlin fast break. Quickness, speed, and an ability to hit the open man make Richardson a key player. He will have help from senior Jimmy Blow (5-7), another four - year letterman, who seems to have regained his form after a knee injury sidelined him for most of last season.

Mike Evans (6-2), a solid defensive player and outstanding jumper, is back at the strong guard position. Evans came off the bench several times last year to lead the Marlins to victory.

Sea Gulls Win Over Wesleyan

VIRGINIA BEACH — The Salisbury State Sea Gulls won their second straight game of the year and advanced into the finals of the Virginia Wesleyan-Methodist Invitational Tournament. The Sea Gulls defeated the host and defending champion of the tourney Virginia Wesleyan 88-85.

The Sea Gulls led by as much as 16 points with 10 minutes left, but the Blue Marlins kept coming back and with 1:03 left they trailed by only a point. SSC called a time-out and then went to the four corners and with 26 seconds left Paul Capodanno was fouled and sank both ends of the one and one and SSC had the win.

SSC faces Randolph - Macon in the championship contest.

SSC (88)

Capodanno 6 4-5 16; Jackson 1 0-0 2; Sullivan 3 4-6 10; Dickerson 1 0-0 2; Hunt 5 2-3 12; Arnold 1 0-0 2; Gabourel 13 3-3 29; Berens 6 3-6 15 (Totals: 36 16-23 88)

Virginia Wesleyan (85)

Pearce 4 0-0 8; Billups 8 0-1 16; Kramer 10 0-0 20; Wiggins 4 1-2 9; Richardson 5 2-3 12; Blow 1 0-0 2; Evans 7 0-0 14; Bledsoe 1 2-2 4 (Totals: 40 5-8 85)

Halftime score: SSC 41, Virginia Wesleyan 32.

Gabourel Tops SSC Scoring List

In Tournament Victory

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — The jump shot from the foul line was not the turning point in the game. But when Salisbury State Coach Ward Lambert saw it go in he shot a quick glance at the scoreboard clock.

"I knew I'd better catch the time on that one," confessed Lambert later. So at 14:26 of the second half in the championship game of the Virginia Wesleyan-Methodist Invitational Tournament Saturday night, senior Juan Gabourel became the all-time leading scorer in Sea Gull basketball history.

Gabourel, who had 29 the night before in the Gulls' 88-85 over the host school, finished the evening with 17 points and 1,527 in his career, toppling Howard Shockley's old mark of 1,519.

The record was even sweeter as the unbeaten and unheralded Gulls swept past Randolph-Macon 78-74 for the tournament championship. Naturally, Gabourel was the tourney's Most Valuable Player.

The 6-foot-3 swingman from Seat Pleasant, Md., got a lot of help from senior captain Jim Hunt in the championship, however. Hunt, 5-foot-4 center-forward, cashed in 10 of his 11 shots from the floor and four of five from the foul line for a game high 24 points. He also snared 11 rebounds and joined Gabourel on the all-tournament team.

For the second straight night, the Gulls had to withstand some phenomenal second half shooting by the opposition. Virginia Wesleyan had hit 80 percent of its shots in the final 20 minutes Friday night, and Randolph-Macon was almost equally effective in the championship, hitting 64 percent from the floor.

The Gulls had staked themselves to a 41-22 halftime advantage against the Yellow Jackets, but like Friday night, saw their lead shrink to a single point, this time with six minutes to play. But displaying the poise that was so lacking the year before, the Gulls quickly boosted their lead back to double figures (11 points) and coasted home with the win, their third in three tries.

"We played well," said Lambert afterward, "the best we've played this year. But we still have room for improvement. We have not been consistent for 40 minutes.

"We have held our poise, though," he continued. "We got way behind in the first game of the season (an 81-71 win over York in which they trailed by as much as 23), and in the next two games we took big leads then held on.

"The key this year," said Lambert explaining the Gull's fast start featuring virtually the team that a year ago finished 6-20, "is confidence. And, also, I think the players feel they have a purpose. They aren't going to let games slip away."

The Gulls' win over Randolph-Macon was only their second in seven tries against the Division II school. The Yellow-Jackets are now 1-1.

In the consolation game, North Carolina Wesleyan defeated Virginia Wesleyan 87-85.

The Sea Gulls bring their successful road show home for the first time this season in the fourth annual Gull Classic this weekend. John Jay, Merchant Marine Academy and St. Mary's provide the opposition in the two-day event at Maggs Physical Activities Center. Admission for the tournament beginning Friday night is free.

Championship Game

SALISBURY STATE (78)

Capodanno 1 4-4 6; Sullivan 3 0-1 6; Dickerson 3 2-2 8; Hunt 10 4-5 24; Arnold 1 1-2 3; Gabourel 5 7-8 17; Berens 6 2-4 14; (Totals: 29 20-26 78)

RANDOLPH-MACON (74)

Nelson 6 0-0 12; Meleski 4 0-0 8; Schmitt 1 3-4 5; Bosher 6 0-0 12; Gaetlan 7 3-3 17; Criolin 2 0-0 4; McGuire 1 0-0 2; Martino 1 0-0 2; (Totals: 34 6-11 74).

Haltime score: Salisbury State, 41-22.

Fourth Annual

Gull Classic In Spotlight

Salisbury State's high flying Sea Gulls open their home men's basketball campaign Friday night with the fourth annual Gull Classic at Maggs Physical Activities Center. SSC, 3-0, faces John Jay College, 2-2, at 9 p.m. following the tourney opener between St. Mary's and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at 7 p.m.

The Sea Gulls won the tournament its first two years, but finished fourth last year as Mount St. Mary's copped the crown. The three visiting schools this year are all making their initial appearance in the Classic.

Friday evening's opening contest features a pair of contrasting opponents, the power game of the Merchant Marine Academy, the tallest team in the tourney, against the smallish but speedy St. Mary's squad.

The Merchant Marine Mariners, 12-14, a year ago, opened their season with a 63-48 win over Lehman, but dropped a 77-66 decision to William Patterson Monday night. Not surprisingly, however, the Mariners outrebounded both their opponents.

Point guard Bob McGrath, a senior co-captain, is just 5-foot-10, but the balance of the starting lineup is 6-foot-4 or taller. McGrath, who averaged 3.5 points a game last season as a reserve, is joined in the backcourt by fellow co-captain Tom Hughes (6-4). Hughes, a senior, has netted 25 points in the Mariners first two games, second best on the squad. He averages 4.9 points a game last year.

Sophomore forward Kevin Popelka (6-7), who broke into the starting lineup in the latter stages of last season, is the leading Mariner scorer with 31 points in their first two contests. He averaged 10.3 a game as a freshman.

Junior Bob Haughney (6-5) is the other forward, a starter last season who averaged 7.2 points an outing. The center is freshman Scott Brueggerman (6-8).

The matchup in the pivot should prove to be interesting: the youthful Brueggerman versus St. Mary's Tom Maleski, perhaps the Saints most talented player.

Maleski, honorable mention all-state last season as a junior, is the man the 1-2 Saints try to get the ball to for points inside. Maleski, who leads St. Mary's in rebounding, is averaging almost 14 points a contest through the Saints first three games.

The leading St. Mary's scorer is junior guard Bobby Hill, also honorable mention all-state for last year's 13-10 Saint squad. Hill (5-11), a slick ball handled and quick defensive player, directs the Saint attack.

Hill's backcourt partner is Kevin Littlejohn, a 6-2 sophomore from Washington, D. C. Last season's leading scorer, backcourt ace Mike Ayers, won't join the team until January.

The forward pairing of sophomores Raynard Jones (6-3) and Daryl McCrea (6-2) is potentially explosive, but has been inconsistent thus far.

The winners of Friday night's games face each other Saturday at 9 p.m. for the championship. The losers meet in a consolation preliminary at 7 p.m.

SSC Win Streak On Line In Gull Classic

Salisbury State puts its undefeated record on the line this weekend when the Sea Gulls go after their second consecutive tournament championship in the fourth annual Gull Classic tonight and Saturday nights at Maggs Physical Activities Center. Admission is free.

The first three Classics were held in January, but SSC coach Ward Lambert elected to stage the event immediately prior to semester break this season to allow out - of - town students an opportunity to attend. Judging from the Gulls fast start, an excellent turnout is anticipated.

The Gulls face John Jay College at 9 p.m. tonight following the 7 p.m. clash between the Merchant Marine Academy (1-1) and St. Mary's College (1-2). Tonight's losers meet Saturday at 7 p.m. with the winners meeting for the championship at 9 p.m.

It marks the first home appearance for SSC after three successive road victories, including an 78-74 win over Division II Randolph - Macon in the Virginia Wesleyan Tournament championship game Saturday evening.

Gull swingman Juan Gabourel became the all - time leading scorer in SSC history with his 17 point performance against the Yellow Jackets. The 6 - foot - 3 senior, who was named the tournament MVP after scoring 46 points in two games, now has 1,527 points in just over three seasons. Howard Shockley held the old mark with a three - year total of 1,519.

Gabourel, averaging 22.3 points and eight rebounds a game, has a history of sparkling in the Gull Classic. SSC won the tourney its first two years with Gabourel copping Most Valuable honors each year. He set the single game scoring standard as a freshman in 1977 with a 37 point effort against Kean College. Last season's Classic marked the first time Gabourel failed to make the all - tournament team. It was also the only season a visitor won the championship. Mount St. Mary's defeated St. Thomas Aquinas in the finals the Gull finished fourth.

Senior captain Jim Hunt joined Gabourel on the Virginia

Jim Hunt

Wesleyan All - Tournament team with a 24 point effort in the final. Hunt, who also grabbed a game high 11 rebounds, sank 10 of 11 shots from the field as the Gulls as a team finished with an impressive 57 percent field goal marksmanship.

All three of the members of the Gull frontcourt are averaging better than 15 points a game. Sophomore John Berns is netting 16.7 points a contest while Hunt is scoring at a 15.7 per game clip. Hunt leads the club in rebounds with a 10.3 average.

Senior Paul Capodanno has been a significant key to the Gulls' early season success. The 5 - foot - 10 point guard tops the team with 11 assists and has missed just one free throw in 18 attempts. His ability to hit high pressure charity tosses in the waning seconds of games has allowed SSC to withstand late rallies by Randolph - Macon and Virginia Wesleyan.

John Jay is 2-2 following its runnerup showing in last weekend's New York Maritime Tournament. The Bloodhounds, 13-11 a year ago and second in the CUNY Conference with a 7-2 log, lost to N.Y. Maritime 92-74 in the final following a 56-42 win over Yeshiva in the first round.

John Jay coach Dr. Robert Fox judges this a rebuilding year, yet feels, "although we lack experience and size, our quickness, desire and intelligence is far superior to any of our previous squads."

Hot shooting junior guard Joe Licitra (6-0) and sophomore Diren O'Bryan (5-11) are the starting backcourt pairing for the Bloodhounds. Junior Kim Gibbs (6-0) and freshman Duane Martin Kenny (6-2) are the forwards, both with exceptional quickness, and sophomore Brian Kenny (6-4) gets the call at center. Key reserves are 5 - foot - 7 sophomore guard Artie Grossbard, 5 - foot - 11 sophomore forward Steve Sykes, and 6 - foot - 3 freshman center Glenn Washington.

Fox feels the Bloodhounds aggressive man - to - man defense can overcome their obvious handicap, a lack of height.

"We have a couple of outstanding defensive guards in Grossbard and O'Brvan and two quick forwards in Gibbs and Martin. With the rapid improvement of Kenny and Washington in the pivot, I think we can defensively force errors and control the tempo of games. Our goals this season are to win at least one tournament and do well in the conference."

Undefeated Salisbury State In Gull Classic Finals

Sea Gulls Soar Past John Jay

Unbeaten Salisbury State guns for its second straight tournament championship in as many weekends as the Sea Gulls take on Merchant Marine Academy in the finals of the fourth annual Gull Classic tonight at SSC.

Salisbury State, 4-0, will battle Merchant Marine, 2-1, in tonight's championship game at 9 p.m. Meanwhile, John Jay College and St. Mary's College collide in the consolation affair at 7 p.m.

The Sea Gulls, coming off their Virginia Wesleyan Tournament title, continued their winning ways Friday by trouncing John Jay 76-52 as Juan Gabourel and John Berens combined for 43 points. Merchant Marine advanced into the finals with a 61-60 win over St. Mary's.

Gabourel poured in 25 points nd Berens 18 as SSC had things etty much its own way. The n Gulls of coach Ward Lam- t led 36-22 at intermission. ourel hit eight of 18 field s while Berens canned nine field tries.

Kevin Popelka pumped in 21 points and Tom Hughes added 16 to pace the Merchant Marine victory. Bobbie Campbell also hauled down a tourney record 21 rebounds.

JOHN JAY (52)

Licitra 0 1-2 1, Kenny 5 3-5 13, Gibbs 5 0-0 10, Martin 5 0-0 10, Glover 2 0-0 4, Grossbard 2 0-0 4, Mathias 1 0-0 2, Robinson 1 0-0 2, Sykes 1 2-4 4, Washington 0 2-4 2. (Totals: 22 8-15 52)

SALISBURY STATE (76)

Gabourel 8 9-9 25, Hunt 4 0-0 8, Berens 9 0-0 18, Sullivan 1 0-0 2, Capodanno 1 2-2 4, Garrison 1 0-0 2, Arnold 3 0-0 6, Lake 1 0-0 2, Jackson 3 3-4 9. (Totals: 31 14-15 76)

Half, SSC 36, John Jay 22.

MERCHANT MARINE (61)

Bruggerman 3 0-1 6; Popelka 8 5-11 21; Haughney 1 0-2 2; McGrath 3 0-1 6; Hughes 8 0-0 16; Campbell 3 0-0 6; Shelly 1 2-2 4; (Totals: 27 7-16 61)

ST. MARY'S (60)

McCrea 4 0-0 8; Jones 10 0-2 20; Maleski 6 0-1 12; Hill 5 0-0 10; Goodman 4 0-0 8; Lewis 1 0-0 2; (Totals: 30 0-3 60)

Halftime score: St. Mary's 24-20

Salisbury State Is Undefeated After Capturing Classic

Paced by Jim Hunt and Juan Gabourel, Salisbury State streaked to a 17-point halftime advantage and easily toppled the Merchant Marine Academy 102-85 in the Gulls Classic championship game Saturday night at Maggs Physical Activities Center before 1,500.

The Sea Gulls, 5-0 after capturing their second successive tournament crown, were knotted with the Mariners at 15-all with 12:54 gone in the opening half. But a 26-9 tear over the next eight minutes gave the Gulls a 39-25 lead and the visitors from New York never seriously threatened thereafter. SSC led 50-33 at the half.

Hunt was a tiger inside, hitting 9 of 12 shots as well as six of seven free throws to finish the evening with 24 points. The 6-foot-4 senior captain from Annapolis also tied for game high honors with nine rebounds, was credited with five of the Gulls' single game tournament record 18 steals and blocked a shot.

Gabourel earned the MVP selection for the third time in the Classic's four years with his 28 point effort Saturday to go with the 25 he popped in the night before in SSC's 76-52 breeze past John Jay.

Gabourel was particularly effective from the charity stripe, canning 17 of 19 in the two Gull wins, including a 9-for-9 performance Friday evening. The 6-foot-3 swingman from Seat Pleasant, Md., the all-time leading SSC scorer, is averaging 24 points a game, hitting 52 percent from the field and 88 percent from the foul line.

Sophomore forward John Berens put together a typically consistent performance over the weekend, netting 18 Friday night and 15 in the championship game. The Gulls' point guards, Paul Capodanno and Mark Jackson, also were impressive, combining for 10 assists, 10 steals and 22 points the two nights.

The Merchant Marine Academy, 2-2 and the Gulls' second Division II victim of the season, was paced by 6-foot-7 forward Kevin Popelka with 25 points. Bob McGrath and Bob Haughney added 13 points each.

In the consolation game, St. Mary's downed John Jay 52-44 behind Raynard Jones' 24-point, 15 - rebound effort.

Joining Gabourel on the all-tournament team were Jones, Popelka, McGrath and Brian Kenny of John Jay.

A number of Classic records fell, including the 102 points by the Gulls in the championship game, eclipsing the old mark of 99 set by Dowling in 1979. SS set team records for steals for both single game (18 vs. Merchant Marine) and tournament (28). Merchant Marine established a new standard for tournament rebounds with 91.

Bobbie Campbell of Merchant Marine turned in perhaps the most impressive single statistical performance with his 21 rebounds against St. Mary's, smashing the old mark of 14. Campbell and Jones of St. Mary's set a new tournament record with 26 caroms each over two days.

Hunt's five steals against Merchant Marine tied the single game record, while Mark Jackson set a new tournament record with seven steals. Gabourel's 9 for 9 showing at the foul line against John Jay was a single game mark.

The Sea Gulls face one of their sternest tests of the season Saturday night when they entertain Delaware State. Last season, the Hornets topped the Bulls 80-67 in Dover.

Gull Classic Championship Scoring Summary:

Merchant Marine	33	52	—85
Salisbury State	50	52	—102

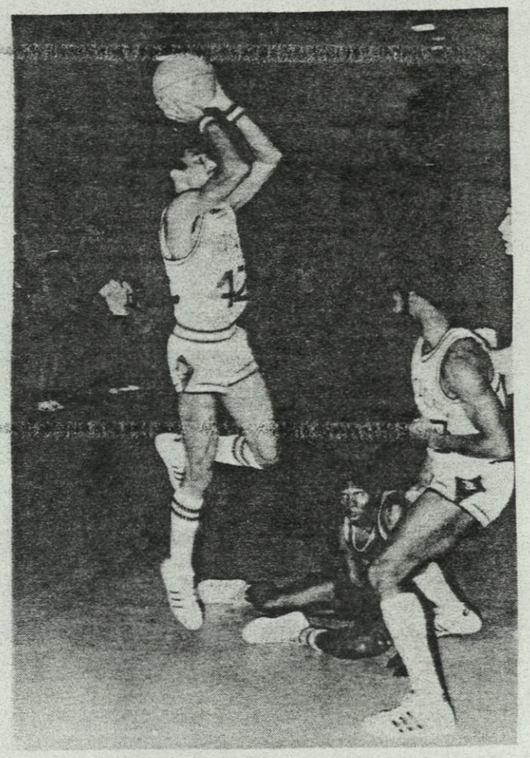
MERCHANT MARINE

Campbell 3 2-5 8; Popelka 11 3-4 25; Bruggerman 1 4-4 6; McGrath 5 3-3 13; Hughes 0 3-4 3; Haughney 6 1-4 13; Nolan 1 2-2 4; Shelly 4 2-2 10; Brown 0 1-2 1; Dowling 1 0-0 2. Totals: 32 31-30 85.

SALISBURY STATE

Gabourel 10 8-10 28; Hunt 9 6-7 24; Berens 6 3-5 15; Capodanno 1 3-3 5; Sullivan 3 7-8 13; Garrison 1 0-0 2; Dickerson 3 2-2 8; Arnold 0 3-5 3; Jackson 1 2-5 4. Totals: 34 34-45 102.

Undefeated Salisbury State Out For Win No. 6 Against DelState



TWO POINTS. Salisbury State's Juan Gabourel (42) connects on a jumper during last weekend's 76-52 victory over John Jay in the Gull Classic. The Sea Gulls tackle Division I foe Delaware State at SSC Saturday night at 8 p.m.

Off to its best start in history, the Salisbury State men's basketball squad guns for its sixth straight victory Saturday when the Sea Gulls play host to Delaware State in Maggs Physical Activities Center at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

The closest any previous Gull team has come to approaching the current squad's burst from the starting blocks was the 1976-77 edition which lost its opener, then reeled off eight straight wins. However, SSC could not sustain its momentum that season and finished with a 13-12 log.

IRONICALLY, the impetus behind that strong start three seasons ago was a smooth shooting, slender guard-forward from Seat Pleasant, Md., a Washington, D.C. suburb. Juan Gabourel wound up leading the Sea Gulls with a 20.5 scoring average as a freshman, and the 6-foot-3 swingman has been burning the nets ever since.

Now the all-time leading Gull scorer with 1,560 points heading into Saturday evening's clash with DelState, Gabourel is averaging 24.0 points a game and comes off his usual impressive showing in the Gull Classic last weekend. Gabourel copped the Classic MVP award for the third time in his four-year SSC career as the Gulls boosted their record to 5-0 with solid wins over John Jay (76-52 in the first round) and Merchant Marine (102-85 in the championship contest).

The frontcourt has provided the bulk of the firepower for the Gulls. Senior captain Jim Hunt is netting 15.8 points a game (and shooting 60 percent from the field) and sophomore John Berens is popping in 16.4 points an outing. Hunt leads the Gulls with 9.4 rebounds a contest while Berens adds 8.6 caroms a game.

WITH NO starter taller than 6-foot-5 (Berens), it has not been overpowering work on the boards that has lifted SSC to its current lofty status. In fact, the Gulls have outrebounded their five opponents cumulatively by a scant 15.

SSC's most whopping advantage has come at the foul line, where the Gulls have more than doubled their opponents' output. SSC has hit 99 of 132 free throws (75 percent) compared to their rivals' 49 for 74 (66 percent) showing. Point guard Paul Capodanno has hit 23 of 25 charity tosses (92 percent), many in cirtical game ending situations, while Gabourel is 30 for 33 (91 percent).

Capodanno's maturity and the emergence of fleet footed sophomore Mark Jackson gives SSC coach Ward Lambert a luxury he did not anticipate when the season opened. Capodanno, a senior, had been somewhat inconsistent at the point last year, but is directing the attack this season with great confidence. He leads the team in assists with 19 and is averaging almost 10 points a game (9.4).

JACKSON, meanwhile in his substitute role for Capodanno, is like replacing slick with quick. The 5-foot-9 sophomore set a Classic record last weekend with his seven steals, giving him 12 for the season, two less than team leader Hunt in considerably less playing time..

DelState, 18-10 a year ago, will be the Sea Gulls' first Division I foe, and undoubtedly their toughest test yet.

DelState pinned an 80-67 loss on the Gulls in Dover last year. The Hornets lost their 1979-80 season opener to Division I Old Dominion (ranked in the Top 15 in the East) 102-82, then bounced back to win the next two, 78-72 over West Chester State and 77-73 over Robert Morris.

DELSTATE HAD to stage a frantic rally to overcome Robert Morris. The Hornets trailed 38-28 at halftime, but stung the hosts with a late charge keyed by reserve forward Edward Wright who had eight points, three steals and five rebounds in the game's closing minutes.

Finding minutes playing behind the Hornets' formidable starting five is tough, however, Guards Charles Shealey (senior, 5-9, Pittsburgh) and Anthony Baylor (sophomore, 5-10, Baltimore) may lack height, but certainly not scoring touch.

Shealey leads the Hornets with a 17.3 scoring average and ranks second in assists. Baylor is the third leading scorer (14.7) and is tops in assists. There is strength on the bench as well with-former Indian River High standout Wesley Townsend (sophomore, 5-11, Selbyville, Del.), first year head coach Ajac Triplett's top guard reserve.

MOST OF the Hornets' frontcourt scoring comes fro forward William Hill (junior, 6-5, Kinston, N.C.), all-MEAC last year and averaging 15.3 points and 3.3 rebounds a game thus far. Robert Hunter (senior, 6-6, Darby, Pa.) starts opposite Hill.

Carrying much of the workload under the boards is center Charles Maybin (senior, 6-6, Baltimore). All -MEAC last season, Maybin corrals just over eight rebound a game and is averaging almost nine points a contest.

Joel Coppadge (junior, 6-5, Dover) is the first forward off the bench and averages nearly five point a contest.

SSC Drops First Game To Hornets

Salisbury State dropped its first basketball game of the season despite 33 points by Jim Hunt as the Sea Gulls lost to visiting Delaware State 85-79 Saturday night at SSC.

The Sea Gulls, 5-1, played catchup ball the entire night, trailing 47-24 at intermission. One of the Hornet keys was the tight fefense on SSC all - time leading scorer Juan Gabourel.

Gabourel, who had three shots blocked in the first half, was shut out until the 1:12 mark of the opening stanza.

DelState, 3-1, got well - balanced scoring as five Hornets dented double digits. DelState increased its huge halftime advantage to 67-42 on a Charles Shealey basket with 11:51 remaining. However, SSC rallied and scored 16 unanswered points to pull within 67-58 with 8:57 left. Hunt fueled the outburst with nine points.

The Sea Gulls continued to rally and got within 69-64 on a Greg Sullivan jumper with 5:29 remaining, but the locals could get no closer. DelState moved out to an 81-69 advantage on two William Hill free throws with 1:12 left to drive the final nail in SSC's coffin.

Robert Hunter led DelState with 19 points. Hill canned 18, Charles Maybin 16, Shealey 14 and Anthony Baylor a dozen.

Hunt's 33 points and 10 boards paced SSC. Gabourel finished with 17 while Sullivan added 11.

SSC's next game will be Wednesday against visiting Ohio Northern. The contest will be held at Tawes Gym at 8 p.m.

DELAWARE STATE (85)

Hill 8 2-2 18; Shealey 6 2-2 14; Baylor 6 0-2 12; Maybin 8 0-1 16; Hunter 9 1-2 19; Coppadge 2 0-1 4; Townsend 1 0-0 2; (Totals: 40 5-10 85)

SALISBURY STATE (79)

Sullivan 4 3-4 11; Hunt 14 5-7 33; Gabourel 5 7-10 17; Berens 2 4-4 8; Dickerson 1 0-0 2; Arnold 2 0-0 4; Jackson 2 0-0 4; (Totals: 30 19-25 79)

Halftime Score: Delaware State 47-24.

SSC Seeks Rebound Against Polar Bears

Salisbury State's men's basketball team attempts to rebound from its initial loss of the season when the 5-1 Sea Gulls play host to Ohio Northern at Tawes Gymnasium at 8 p.m. Wednesday. The game was switched from Maggs Physical Activities Center to Tawes because the former facility must be set up for Thrusday's graduation exercises.

SSC, a Division III school, graduated to a Division I opponent, Delaware State, Saturday night and appeared to be in over its head. The Hornets, 3-1, expanded a 47-25 halftime advantage to 27 points leads twice in the second half and led comfortably 67-42 with 11:51 to play.

But the Gulls, behind the ferocious inside play of senior captain Jim Hunt, ripped off 16 unanswered points, nine by Hunt, in the next four minutes forcing DelState Coach Ajac Triplett to call a timeout. The Hornets tried to stymie the Gull surge with a four - corners attack and the tactic proved successful the first time down court when forward William Hill twisted past SSC's Juan Gabourel for a layup.

However, intense pressure by SSC, especially sophomore point guard Mark Jackson, shut down the Hornets' attack and baskets by Paul Arnold, Greg Sullivan and Hunt pulled the Gulls within five points, 69-64, with 5:29 to play.

The frantic Gull comeback lost its steam, however, as the Hornets, behind the play of center Charles Maybin, gradually built their margin back to 12, 81-69, with 1:12 to go. SSC gave the visitors one last scare when Hunt converted a missed shot to draw the Gulls within six, 81-75, with 30 seconds to play. But the Hornets scored their next two trips down court to offset a pair of Gull field goals in the final five seconds and returned to Dover with an 85-79 verdict.

Hunt turned in perhaps the finest all - around performance for a Gull with his 33 point, 12 rebound, three steal effort. Hunt hit 14 of 16 shots from the field, mostly muscle hoops after offensive rebounds. He is now hitting 66 percent from the field for the year and scoring at an 18.7 clip.

Senior swingman Gabourel, the Gulls' all - time scorer, was completely bottled up in the first half against the Hornets, scoring his only points on a short jumper with 1:12 left in the first 20 minutes. Three times he had shots rejected.

But Gabourel bounced back with a 15 point second half to help spark the SSC surge. He leads the Gulls in scoring with a 22.8 average.

Jackson scored only four points, but his ball-hawking produced three steals, giving him 10 in the last three games, and his constant pressure on the Hornet guards took DelState out of its offense in the second half. He will need the same type effort Wednesday night when the Gulls face a much taller Ohio Northern Squad.

The Polar Bears, 7-1 following an 80-64 win over Washington College Saturday evening, feature a balanced scoring attack (four starters are in double figures) and strong board work.

Senior forward Pat Koester (6-3, 185) leads the Bears with a 16.4 scoring average and fellow forward Stan Mories (sophomore, 6-7, 185) nets almost 11 points and is the top rebounder with an 8.6 average.

But the key man is center George Thieman (senior, 6-7, 200), the Ohio Athletic Conference's top rebounder last season. Thieman has been troubled somewhat by nagging injuries this year, yet still averages 13.3 points and 7.8 rebounds an outing.

The starting guards are Kent Baker (junior, 6-0, 170), averaging 11.9 points a game, and Therome James (sophomore, 6-2, 170), who carries an 8.8 scoring average. The top backcourt reserve is David Smalley, the son of the assistant athletic director and head women's coach at the U.S. Naval Acamdeny, Dave Smalley. Polar Bear Smalley leads his club with a 4.1 assist average.

Ohio Northern has been a high scoring outfit, using 53 percent shooting to put 89 points on the scoreboard a game. However, Coach Gale Daugherty's emphasis is defense and this year's Polar Bear squad is typically stingy, yielding just 67 points a contest. That works out to a most imposing 22 points a game scoring differential in favor of the Mid - Easterners.

GULL NOTES. . . . In the latest NCAA Division III statistics (not including Saturday night's game against DelState), Gabourel ranks 13th in the nation in scoring while teammate Paul Capodanno (senior, 5-10, 145) is fourth in the country in free throw accuracy. SSC as a team has the 12th best scoring attack with an 85.0 scoring average . . . . Wednesday night's game ends a four - game home stand by the Gulls who play seven straight on the road beginning with Friday evening's contest at Jersey City State. Included in that road trip will be the Johns Hopkins Tournament January 4-5 and a January 11 visit to William Patterson, which features the sixth and eight leading scorers in the country . . . Ohio Northern is staying at the Naval Academy in Annapolis during their two - game East Coast trip. The Polar Bears are spending Monday and Tuesday touring the Nation's Capital.

Sea Gulls Are Defeated By Sizzling Polar Bears

Ohio Northern scored the game's first 12 points and went on to scorch host Salisbury State 91-68 in men's college basketball Wednesday night before 300 fans.

The Polar Bears, 8-1, were in control throughout against the smaller Sea Gulls, racing to a 48-24 halftime advantage, ballooning that lead to 37 points, 76-39, with 8:40 to play, and coasting home with the victory.

Senior forward Pat Koester paced the Bears with 26 points. He was joined in double figures by teammates Therome James and Kent Baker with 12 each and Lee Hood with 10.

Juan Gabourel paced the Sea Gulls, 5-2 after their second straight defeat, with 18 points, all in the second half. Jim Hunt added 12 for the Gulls.

SSC shot a meager 19 percent in the opening 20 minutes and had eight shots rejected by the Bears. Ohio Northern had 11 blocked shots for the game.

The visitors shot 55 percent in the first half and 53 percent for the game, and outrebounded the Gulls 53 to 40.

Salisbury State tries to regroup Friday night when the Gulls travel to Jersey City State.

Scoring:

Ohio Northern	48	43—81
Salisbury State	24	44—68

OHIO NORTHERN:

Stan Mories 3 0-0 6; Pat Koester 13 0-0 26; George Thieman 3 0-1 6; Lee Hood 3 4-4 10; Therome James 5 2-2 12; Tom Ferraro 1 1-2 3; Kent Baker 6 0-0 12; Gary Hartings 1 0-1 2; Dan Reep 3 0-0 6; David Smalley 2 4-5 8. Totals: 40 11-15 91.

SALISBURY STATE:

Juan Gabourel 8 2-3 18; John Berens 3 3-4 9; Jim Hunt 4 4-4 12; Greg Sullivan 3 2-4 8; Paul Arnold 1 1-2 3; George Garrison 2 0-0 4; Morris Dickerson 2 2-2 6; Mark Jackson 4 0-1 8. Totals: 27 14-20 68.

SSC Out To Bounce Back At Jersey City

There is often one game a year when even an exploding scoreboard fails to awaken a team. Salisbury State's Sea Gulls hope they don't have to relive Wednesday's night's nightmare against Ohio Northern for another season.

The 5-2 Gulls were frigid in the first half, hitting just 19 percent from the floor, while the visiting Polar Bears feasted on their height advantage to shoot 55 percent on mostly close in jumpers. The score was 48-24 at halftime and, unlike last Saturday when SSC gave Delaware State a scare with a spectacular second half rally, the Gulls' bag of comebacks was empty, losing 91-68.

Pulling out a victory tonight at Jersey City State, however, would dash away a lot of unwanted memories and be a most welcomed Christmas present. Considering the Gothics may be the toughest opponent the Gulls face this season, SSC's performance will have to be a complete reversal of their most recent game.

Jersey City is off to a 7-1 start and included among its victims is an NCAA Division I school, St. Peter's, 69-66. All five Gothic starters average in double figures and coach Paul Weinstein feels his bench is the strongest in his four years at his alma mater.

The backcourt is truly outstanding. Andrew Kemp (6-0, 180, senior) is the leading scorer with a 15.9 average, while playmaker Eric Moore (5-10, 170, senior) tallies 14.7 per game and hands out over seven assists a contest.

Center George Paterson (6-9, 300, sophomore) is imposing. He has blocked 21 shots, is scoring at a 12.3 per game clip and is yanking down 6.7 rebounds.

Forward Stanley Chapman (6-5, 195, junior) leads the club with an 8.3 rebound average and carries an 11.3 scoring mark. Transfer student Ray Brown (6-2, 175, senior) has a 10.7 scoring average and figures to get the chore of guarding SSC's Juan Gabourel.

Gabourel (6-3, 170, senior) scored all his 18 points against Ohio Northern in the second half. He is averaging 22.1 points a game for the year. His frontcourt mates, Jim Hunt (6-4, 190, senior) and John Berens (6-5, 185, sophomore) are also scoring in double figures.

Hunt, the team captain, is scoring at a 17.7 clip and hauls down a club leading 9.4 rebounds a contest. Berens has a 14.1 scoring average and is second in rebounds at 8.0.

Jim Hunt

Guard Mark Jackson (5-9, 140, sophomore) continues to impress SSC coach Ward Lambert with his defensive play. Jackson had four more steals Wednesday and is now tied with Hunt for team high honors with 19.

SSC takes a two-week break following tonight's contest, returning to action January 4-5 for the Johns Hopkins Tournament.

GULL NOTES-Jersey City State captured the NCAA Division III Southern Atlantic Regional championship last year, defeating Virginia Wesleyan 85-64 in the semifinals. Earlier this year, SSC downed Virginia Wesleyan 88-85. . . The Gothics' three frontcourt reserves combine for 18 points off the bench per game. Jersey City as a team averages 82.9 points a contest and aloows 73.6. The Gothics are hitting 47 percent from the field and 74 percent from the foul line. . . SSC is averaging 81.7 points a game and allowing 77.6. The Gulls are hitting 46 percent from the floor and 75 percent from the charity stripe. . . Wednesday night's game marked the Gulls' last home appearance until a matchup with Frostburg State January 23.

Salisbury State Suffers Third Consecutive Setback

Sea Gulls Are Beaten 100-88

JERSEY CITY, N.J. — Salisbury State dropped its third straight game after opening the basketball season with five consecutive victories as the Sea Gulls were whipped by Jersey City State 100-88 Friday night here.

The Sea Gulls played catch-up ball most of the way against the Gothics, who are now 8-1. Salisbury State trailed 55-41 at halftime and were down by as much as 17 points in the final half before making a rally.

Coach Ward Lambert's charges got within 86-78 with about four minutes remaining in the game, but Jersey City put the affair out of reach with some outstanding free throw shooting.

The Gothics, who outscored SSC from the charity stripe by a 22-12 margin, stayed in front of the Sea Gulls with a 13-of-16 effort at the line in the second half. Every free throw in the final 20 minutes came on a one-and-one foul situation.

Four Gothics scored in double digits. Eric Moore led the way with a game-high 32 points. George Patterson rimmed 22, Ray Brown a baker's dozen and Andrew Kemp 11.

Five Sea Gulls tallied in twin figures. SSC all-time leading scorer Juan Gabourel paced the visitors with 24 points. Jim Hunt contributed 16, John Berens and Greg Sullivan both hammered in a dozen points and Paul Capodanno added 10 markers.

SSC is now off until January 4, when the Sea Gulls tackle Johns Hopkins in the Johns Hopkins Tournament. Kings Point and Western Maryland are the other clubs in the tourney.

SALISBURY STATE (88)

Gabourel 11 2-3 24; Hunt 6 4-4 16; Berens 6 0-2 12; Capodanno 4 2-3 10; Sullivan 6 0-1 12; Arnold 2 2-2 6; Jackson 2 1-2 5; Dickerson 1 1-2 3; (Totals: 38 12-19 88)

JERSEY CITY STATE (100)

Brown 3 7-8 13; Chapman 4 0-2 8; Patterson 11 0-0 22; Kemp 3 5-6 11; Moore 12 8-8 32; Freeman 1 0-0 2; Shockley 2 0-0 4; Harris 4 1-2 9; Martin 0 1-2 1; (Totals: 39 22-38 100)

Halftime score: Jersey City State, 54-41.

Salisbury State Guns For Third Tourney Title At John Hopkins

Salisbury State attempts to end one streak and keep another 1979-80 streak intact when the Sea Gull basketball team travels to Baltimore tonight for a first round game in the Blue Jay Holiday Tournament at Johns Hopkins.

Salisbury State meets the host school at 7 p.m., while Western Maryland and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy meet in the second game at 9 p.m. tonight's winners meet for the championship at 9 p.m. Saturday, while the losers clash at 7 p.m.

SSC, which has captured both the tournaments it has entered this season, tries to snap out a three-game tailspin that has left the Sea Gulls with a 5-3 ledger. In the Gulls last game, Jersey City State shot down SSC 100-88 on December 21.

Senior forward Juan Gabourel continues to lead the Gulls in scoring with a 22.4 average. The 6-foot-3 forward is the third leading rebounder on the team with a 6.9 average.

Captain Jim Hunt is the top Gull rebounder with a 9.4 average. The 6-foot-4 senior power forward is scoring at a 17.5 clip on .582 shooting from the field. The Gulls other double figure scorer is also on the frontline, 6-foot-5 sophomore center John Berens who carries a 13.9 scoring mark and an 8.3 rebounding average into tonight's contest.

Johns Hopkins is just 1-3 but those three losses have come at the hands of highly respected opponents Virginia, William & Mary and UMBC. The Blue Jays win, in their most recent outing, was over Coppin State.

Johns Hopkins starts a youthful lineup, but has plenty of size. The starting guards are 6-foot-1 senior Duane LeVine and 6-foot-2 sophomore Ken Ross, the leading scorer with a 12 point average.

Dan Jackson, a 6-foot-4 sophomore, is the second leading scorer (10.0) and top rebounder (8.0). Joining him in the frontcourt are 6-foot-3 sophomore forward Tom Tessitore and 6-foot-8 freshman center Peter Garvey.

Western Maryland, 4-1, carries the 15th best offense among NCAA Division III schools into the Green Terrors fray with the Merchant Marine Academy. The Mariners are 2-3 including a 1-2-85 loss to SSC in the finals of the Gull Clasic.

GULL NOTES... In the latest NCAA Division III statistics, Gabourel is the 17th leading scorer in the country, Hunt ranks ninth in field goal accuracy, and 5-foot-10 senior point guard Paul Capodanno is the eight best free throw shooter... The Gulls play back-to-back games on the road next week against teams with totally contrasting styles. John Jay, a 76-52 victim of the Gulls in the Gull Classic, is a very patient team and has allowed just 59 points an outing, 10th best in the country. William Patterson, however, has two of the top 13 scorers in the country, its 89.8 scoring average in sixth best in the nation and its 63.4 field goal precentage is tops in the country.

Salisbury State Captures Spot In 'Blue Jay' Finals

Sea Gulls Get Sixth Triumph

BALTIMORE — Salisbury State's Sea Gulls snapped a three-game losing streak in the opening round of the Blue Jay Holiday Tournament by defeating host Johns Hopkins 89-80 Friday.

The Sea Gulls started slowly as they trailed the entire first half and were down 39-36, at the half. The Sea Gulls only scored four points off the fast break in the opening half and were rusty from their two week layoff over the holidays.

The Sea Gulls got the fast break working in the second half and, as a result, scored 20 points alone on fast breaks. The Sea Gulls will meet the winner of the Western Maryland-Merchant Marine Academy contest for the championship tonight at 9 p.m.

Juan Gabourel fueled the second half outburst, scoring 17 of his game-high 25 points. Jim Hunt tossed in another 23 SSC, while John Berens poured through 21. Also getting in double figures was Greg Sullivan with 10 points.

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This sixth win wasn't easy coming, as SSC won their first five then went into a tailspin losing the next three, before this win. After trailing the entire first half the Gulls, finally took the lead with 12 minutes remaining in the game on two free throws by Sullivan and then were never headed by the Blue Jays.

Dan Jackson led the Blue Jays with 20 points and two other Johns Hopkins players were also in twin digits. Tom Tessitore had 18 and Ken Ross rimmed in 16. The Blue Jays record now falls to 1-4 on the year.

SSC (89)

Gabourel 11 3-5 25, Hunt 10 3-3 23, Berens 10 1-2 21, Sullivan 4 2-4 10, Capadanno 2 0-0 4, Jackson 1 0-2 2, Dickerson 2 0-0 4. (Totals: 40 9-16 89)

Johns Hopkins (80)

Gusten 2 0-0 4, LeVine 3 0-0 6, Ross 7 2-2 16, Jackson 8 4-6 20, Tessitore 6 6-6 18, Devlin 1 0-0 2, Nickic 3 0-2 6, Vales 3 2-2 8. (Totals: 33 14-18 80)

Halftime: JH 39, SSC 36

Salisbury State Is 'Blue Jay' Champ; Gabourel Standout

BALTIMORE — Salisbury State men's basketball coach Ward Lambert might not be terribly opposed to a schedule made up entirely of tournament play.

The 7-3 Sea Gulls captured their third tourney in as many tries this season Saturday with a 102-88 triumph over Western Maryland in the finals of the Blue Jay Holiday Tournament at Johns Hopkins.

TOURNAMENT TIME also brings out the best in Gull high scorer Juan Gabourel, who cashed in 36 points in the title game for a two-day total of 61 and the 6-foot-3 forward's third MVP recognition of the young season.

Gabourel was joined on the all-tourney team by teammates Jim Hunt and John Berens, but Lambert felt Saturday night's catalyst was sophomore point guard Mark Jackson.

SSC led Western Maryland most of the first 20 minutes, but the Gulls saw a seven point advantage shrink to just three, 48-45, at the half. The Green Terrors, now 5-2, closed to within a point, 53-52, four minutes into the second half when Lambert decided to put added pressure on the Western Maryland backcourt by inserting Jackson into the lineup.

EIGHT minutes later the Gull lead had ballooned to 18, 75-57, and the Terrors never got closer than eight the rest of the way.

Hunt, who had 23 points and 15 rebounds in the Gulls 89-80 first round win over Johns Hopkins, finished the championship contest with 22 points and nine caroms. Berens tossed in 14 points against the Terrors while guard Greg Sullivan added 11.

Lambert tabbed the contest the Gulls best effort of the season. Their 74 percent (46 of 62) shooting from the field would seem to bear that out.

SALISBURY STATE travels to John Jay, a team they handled 76-52 in the Gull Classic. Thursday and to William Patterson on Friday.

The other two members of the Blue Jay Holiday All-Tournament squad were both from Western Maryland, Lester Wallace and Richard Braver.

SSC	48	54	—102
W. Maryland	45	43	— 88

SSC - Gabourel 17 2-2 36; Hunt 11 0-2 22; Berens 7 0-0 14; Capodanno 0 2-4 2; Sullivan 4 3-3 11; Jackson 3 2-3 8; Dickerson 2 0-0 4; Arnold 1 0-0 2; Garrison 1 1-2 3. (Totals: 46 10-16 102)

W. Md. - Wallace 12 2-3 26; Peters 2 2-2 6; Braver 5 1-2 11; Farley 7 0-1 14; Fava 5 2-2 12; Dawson 2 0-1 4; Engel 7 1-2 15. (Totals: 40 8-14 88)

Sea Gulls Are 7-3; Hit Road For Two Tilts

Salisbury State's men's basketball team, coming off its third tournament success of the season and perhaps its finest effort thus far in the Sea Gulls' 102-88 victory over Western Maryland in the Blue Jay Tournament finals Saturday night, can go a long way towards gaining postseason consideration with a pair of road wins tonight and Friday.

The 7-3 Gulls, already one ahead of their entire victory total of six for last season, face a scrappy John Jay squad in New York this evening, then travel south to New Jersey to meet highly touted William Paterson the following night.

The Gulls thwarted John Jay's disciplined offensive game plan earlier this season with a 76-52 win in the opening round of the Gull Classic. SSC's Juan Gabourel, averaging 24 points a contest after his two-day total of 61 last weekend, notched 25 against John Jay in the schools' initial matchup, including 9-of-9 from the foul line.

John Berens, 6-foot-5 center, was the only other Gull in double figures that night with 18 points, hitting nine of 13 shots from the field. SSC grabbed a 36-22 halftime advantage and was never seriously threatened. John Jay, currently 6-9, placed three men in double figures that early December evening, 6-foot-4 sophomore center Brian Kenny with 13 and forwards Kim Gibbs (6-0, junior) and Duane Martin (6-2, freshman) with 10 each.

High-scoring William Paterson, 8-2, and averaging 89 points a game, figures to be the Gulls toughest test since SSC dropped a 100-88 decision to Jersey City State. Coincidentally, William Paterson absorbed an 87-81 setback to Jersey City in the Pioneers most recent outing Tuesday night.

William Paterson is paced by the country's seven ranked NCAA Division III scorer, 6-7-foot-2 junior forward John Rice. Rice, averaging 25.2 points a game and hitting 72 percent of his shots, sat out the Jersey City contest for disciplinary reasons but is expected back in the lineup against the Gulls.

Backcourt whiz Clinton Wheeler, also just a junior, is scoring at a 23.2 points per game pace including a 27-point effort Tuesday. Like Rice, Wheeler rarely misses, hitting 66 percent of his shots. As a team, the Pioneers lead the country in field goal accuracy with a 63.4 mark. They are no slouches at the charity stripe either, hitting 79.2 percent of their free throws, third best in the nation.

The Pioneers raced to a 7-0 record before suffering a 102-83 thrashing to Upsala in a Christmas tournament. Among their victims, the Pioneers count York (93-55) and Merchant Marine (77-66). The Gulls also defeated both those schools.

The Sea Gull frontcourt continues to provide the bulk of the SSC scoring punch. Gabourel (24.0), Berens (14.6) and 6-foot-4 captain Jim Hunt (18.5) are supplying 67 percent of the Gull offense. Hunt leads the squad in rebounds with 99 in 10 games, while Berens is averaging eight caroms a contest.

The sparkling pay of 5-foot-9 sophomore guard Mark Jackson continues to play a pivotal role in the Gulls' early season success. His 25 steals are second only to Hunt's 27. Also, Jackson has provided 30 assists off the bench to go with starter Paul Capodanno's 33, giving SSC 63 assists from the point guard spot. Steady second guard Greg Sullivan has 27 assists, 10 steals and his 8.7 scoring average is tops in the backcourt. Sullivan has taken some of the pressure off the Gull frontcourt by scoring in double figures the last three games.

SSC's string of seven straight road games concludes with next week's games at Frostburg State January 18 and Stockton State January 21.

SSC Guns For Fourth Straight

NEW YORK — Salisbury State guns for its fourth consecutive men's basketball victory tonight when the Sea Gulls take on host William Paterson at 8 p.m.

The Sea Gulls have plenty of momentum heading into William Paterson after coach Ward Lambert's charges claimed their eighth win in 11 outings with a 54-34 rout of John Jay Thursday night here.

William Paterson will be a stern test for SSC. William Paterson possesses an 8-2 record, averages 89 points a game and has the country's seventh ranked NCAA Division III scorer in the likes of junior forward John Rice, who is averaging 25.2 points per outing.

SSC also has someone who can put the ball through the hoop. Senior Juan Gabourel, the Sea Gulls' all-time leading scorer, is coming off a 24-point performance against John Jay. Gabourel sank nine of 19 field goals and drilled in all six free throws for SSC. The Sea Gulls missed their first free throw against John Jay, but canned their final 16 attempts at the charity stripe to dispose of the Bloodhounds for the second time this season.

Gabourel got offensive support from former Cape Henlopen standout John Berens, who tossed in 10 points. Ironically, both Gabourel and Berens were the only Sea Gulls to score in twin figures when SSC whipped John Jay 76-52 in the opening round of the Gull Classic in December.

SSC led at the half and pulled away by holding the ball in three-to-four minute spurts and pulling John Jay out of its zone in the final 20 minutes.

Berens and Jim Hunt both picked off eight boards for SSC.

Duane Martin's 10 points sparked John Jay.

SSC canned 19 of 41 field goal tries while John Jay sank only 14 of 35 shots from the floor. The Bloodhounds were also cold from the charity stripe, converting on only six of 20 chances.

SALISBURY STATE (54)

Gabourel 9 6-6 24; Hunt 1 6-7 8; Berens 4 2-2 10; Capodanno 1 0-0 2; Sullivan 1 0-0 2; Jackson 1 2-2 4; Dickerson 1 0-0 2; Arnold 1 0-0 2; (Totals: 19 16-17 54).

JOHN JAY (34)

Gibbs 1 1-2 3; Kerning 4 0-6 8; O'Bryan 1 3-5 5; Sykes 1 0-1 2; Glover 1 0-0 2; Martin 5 0-0 10; Mathias 1 0-0 2; (Totals: 14 6-20 34) Halftime: Salisbury State, 28-21.

Salisbury State Halted By William Paterson 105-91

SSC Win Skein Ends At Three

William Paterson used the one-two combinatinn of Ted Bonner with 26 points and Clinton Wheeler with 25 to defeat Salisbury State College 105-91 on the victor's court Friday night.

The loss snapped the Sea Gulls three game win streak and dropped the Gulls record to 8-4.

William Paterson

Rice 5 3-4 13; Bonner 12 2-2 26; Caldwell 4 2-2 10; Wheeler 11 3-4 25; Daids 2 0-0 4; Denby 3 4-4 10; Fitzgerald 0 2-4 2; Gibson 5 2-2 12; Morrell 0 3-34 3. (Totals: 42 21-26 105)

Salisbury State College (91)

Gabourel 11 4-5 26; Hunt 13 2-2 28; Berens 4 2-2 10; Capodanno 3 5-6 11; Sullivan 4 2-2 10; Garrison 3 0-0 6. (Totals: 38 15-17 91)

Halftime: W. Paterson 52-38.

Sea Gulls To Face Old Nemesis

In Frostburg State

More often than not, a trip to Frostburg State has meant two things to the Salisbury State basketball team: a long (six - hour) trip to the hills of western Maryland and a seemingly longer drive home the next day back to the Eastern Shore.

In 24 previous meetings SSC has managed just four victories. Last season, the Bobcats edged the Sea Gulls 74-67 in Salisbury, then mauled the Gulls 90-67 in Frostburg. But if ever SSC had a chance to reverse some of those recent bitter memories, the time may be at hand.

The Gulls are 8-4 following last week's 105-91 loss at William Paterson, but they have been choosy over who they lose to. Jersey City State (6th) and Ohio Northern (11th) are ranked in the NCAA Division III Top 15, Paterson is 9-2 and Delaware State is a Division I school with a winning record.

The Gulls' Juan Gabourel (6-3, senior, Seat Pleasant, Md.) is the 12th leading Division III scorer with a 24.2 mark and the Gulls have the 11th best team scoring average. And in captain Jim Hunt (6-4, senior, Annapolis, Md.) the Gulls have one of the best all - around forwards in the game. Hunt is scoring at an 18.4 clip, hitting over 60 percent of his shots, snaring 10 rebounds a game, leads the club in steals with 36, and is canning 79 percent of his free throws.

The integral part played in the Sea Gull offense by Hunt and Gabourel become increasingly important Friday night due to the absense of the Bobcats' two top guns, Lewie Thomas and Gus Durr, formerly the starting forwards. Both were dismissed for displinary reasons leaving the Bobcats untried in the front-court.

Frostburg was 5-1 and riding a five - game win streak before the dismissal of 47 percent of their scoring and rebounding. The Bobcats, now 5-2, dropped an 81-67 decision to Mount St. Mary's, ranked 14th in the nation among Division II schools, Wednesday night at Frostburg. It was the Bobcats' first game in more than a month.

Forstburg's primary scoring threat is now located in the backcourt. Greg Seeker, 6 - foot - 2 junior, leads the club in scoring (13.8) as well as rebounding (6.2). Brian Walker (5-8, junior) is the other guard, while Dave Porter (6-3, sophomore) is the only holdover frontcourt starter from the first semester. Mike Savoy (6-1, senior) and Harry Robinson (6-4, freshman) are the new starters.

Following Friday night's contest, the Gulls visit Stockton State for a Monday evening encounter. The Ospreys, who downed SSC 84-76 last year, are 5-10 this campaign with a game against Trenton State Saturday night.

Dwayne Gland (6-5, freshman) is the leading Stockton scorer (15.1) and rebounder (8.7). The youthful forward is joined up front by center Jimmy Gaines (6-6, junior), averaging 11.1 points and 7.5 rebounds a game, and forward Eddie Page (6-4, senior).

John Langford (6-2, senior), averaging three steals and two assists a game, teams with Isiah Brown (5-8, sophomore) in the backcourt.

The Ospreys are averaging 60.2 points a contest and allowing 63.6. GULL NOTES . . . . Salisbury State returns home Wednesday after seven straight road contests. The Sea Gulls entertain Frostburg State at 8 p.m. in a game preceded by a contest between the She Gull and the Bobkitten cage teams at 6 p.m.

SSC Claims No. 9; Hawks, Pirates Play

Sea Gulls Tip Bobcats By 69-61

FROSTBURG — Salisbury State College captured win number nine on the current cage season by defeating Frostburg State 69-61 Friday night.

The Sea Gulls were led by Juan Gabourel with 24 points, Jim Hunt had a fine evening tossing in 18 markers and John Berens canned a dozen points. Berens also snared 10 rebounds.

Harry Robinson paced the Frostburg attack by netting 20 points. Mike Savoy added 11, while Dave Porter and Brian Walker combined for 20 points.

The contest was close throughout as neither team could score for the first four minutes of the contest.

The Sea Gulls took the lead for the first time with three minutes left in the first half and stretched the lead to seven on a pair of free throws by Gabourel right before the half ended.

Early in the second half the Gulls led by nine at 48-39, then the Bobcats started to comeback and took the lead 53-52.

The lead then changed hands until three minutes remained in the game. The Sea Gulls then took charge and started to expand the lead. The Bobcats were forced to foul and the Sea Gulls were deadly from the charity stripe. On the evening SSC canned 19 and 23 free throws, including their last eight points of the contest.

Salisbury is now 9-4 on the season and will travel to play Stockton State Monday night.

Frostburg saw its record slip to 5-3.

SSC (69)

Gabourel 8-8-10-24, Hunt 7-4-4-18, Berens 4-4-4-12, Sullivan 0-1-2-1, Capodanno 1-0-0-2, Arnold 1-0-0-2, Dickerson 2-2-3-6, Garrison 2-0-0-4. (Totals: 25-19-23-69)

Frostburg State (61)

Porter 5-0-0-10, Savoy 5-1-1-11, Robinson 8-4-4-20, Seeker 2-4-5-8, Walker 5-0-0-10, Patterson 1-0-0-2. (Totals: 26-9-10-61)

Halftime: SSC 34, Frostburg State 27.

Hunt, Gabourel Key Salisbury State Win

Bobcats To Battle Sea Gulls Next

When Salisbury State hosts Frostburg State in basketball Wednesday night at 8 p.m. at the Maggs Physical Activities Center, it will be the Sea Gulls' second confrontation with the Bobcats in five days.

SSC edged the Bobcats 69-61 Friday in Frostburg as Juan Gabourel scored 24 points and Jim Hunt got 18. John Berens tallied 12 points and pulled down 10 rebounds, although the Sea Gulls were outrebounded 41-32 for the game.

Frostburg, 5-4 after absorbing its third straight loss Saturday night, 63-58 to Radford, tripped SSC 74-67 at Salisbury a year ago despite 28 points from Gabourel. Greg Seker (6-2, 185) and Dave Porter (6-3, 175) supply much of the Bobcat firepower, although freshman center Harry Robinson (6-4, 185) scored a team high 20 points last Friday.

The Bobcat - Sea Gull matchup is the second of a Salisbury State - Frostburg State basketball double-header that night. The SSC women's team, 2-8 after two lopsided losses over the weekend, square off against the 2-6 Bobkittens at 6 p.m.

SSC's last win was an impressive 86-44 triumph over College of Notre Dame last week. Coincidentally, Frostburg State scored its last victory against Notre Dame, a 97-38 blowout Saturday, boosting the Bobkittens's ledger to 2-6.

Donna Hayden, a 5-foot-6 senior guard, leads Frostburg State with an 11.3 scoring average. Mary Carol Jackson, 5-foot-11 freshman forward, is the top rebounder with an average of 7.4 caroms a game. Jackson paced the Bobkittens with 19 points and 12 rebounds against Notre Dame.

Team For 55 Points In Victory

POMONA, N.J. — The Salisbury State College "hit men" were at it once again Monday night here.

Seniors Jim Hunt and Juan Gabourel accounted for over half of the SSC offense, combining for 55 points to spark the streaking Sea Gulls to a convincing 97-74 rout of Stockton State in a collegiate basketball affair Monday night here.

Hunt was a one - man wrecking crew for coach Ward Lambert while Gabourel, SSC's all-time leading scorer, provided ample support.

Hunt poured in a game-high 31 points, including 19 in the opening half, and picked off 11 rebounds while Gabourel connected for 24 points as the Sea Gulls won for the fifth time in their last six outings.

SSC had its hands full with the upset - minded Ospreys in the first half and managed to claim its largest lead of the opening 20 minutes at the intermission by a 42-32 score. However, the Sea Gulls applied the coup de grace by recording 10 of the first 12 points of the final half to grab a comfortable 52-34 advantage. The SSC five then coasted the rest of the way.

Although Salisbury State kept the scoreboard operator busy, it was the Sea Gull defense that Lambert praised. SSC's defense forced Stockton State into 35 turnovers and chalked up 22 steals.

John Berens and Greg Sullivan also had fine offensive games, sinking 12 and 10 points, respectively, for SSC.

Three Ospreys dented twin figures in scoring. Jimmy Gaines, who plucked off 11 rebounds, led Stockton State with 25 points. Dwayne Gland added a dozen points while Eddie Page contributed 11.

The Sea Gulls hope to maintain their momentum when they put their 10-4 record on the line against visiting Frostburg State Wednesday night at 8 p.m. Stockton State falls to 6-11 on the year.

SALISBURY STATE (97)

Gabourel 9 6-6 24; Hunt 13 5-6 31; Berens 3 6-7 12; Capodanno 1 4-4 6; Sullivan 5 0-0 10; Jackson 3 0-0 6; Dickerson 2 1-2 5; Garrison 1 1-2 3; (Totals: 37 23-28 97)

STOCKTON STATE (74)

Gland 5 2-2 12; Page 5 1-3 11; Gaines 10 5-8 25; Langford 4 1-2 9; Brown 1 0-0 2; Juzak 2 1-2 5; Fleming 2 0-1 4; Waynzer 2 0-0 4; Beh 0 2-2 2; (Totals: 31 12-20 74)

Halftime score: Salisbury State, 42-32.

Sea Gulls Tip Bobcats; Take 11th Triumph

John Berens hit a pair of short jumpers sandwiched around a technical free throw by Jim Hunt as Salisbury State broke away from stubborn Frostburg State in the game's final five minutes to post an 84-70 homecourt win Wednesday night.

The win, SSC's second over the Bobcats in less than a week, boosted the Sea Gulls' record to 11-4, while Frostburg State, 5-6, dropped its fifth straight after winning five in a row.

The Gulls led 38-32 after a sluggish first half and maintained that six - point margin throughout most of the second half. Greg Seker, who led both teams with 19 points, canned a jumper with five minutes to go to pull the Bobcats within seven, 67-60.

But the western Maryland team lost its poise and the ballgame on the ensuing trip downcourt. Berens, a 6-foot-5 sophomore center, rimmed in his second try after grabbing an offensive rebound and, in the process, apparently encured the wrath of Frostburg State's Dave Porter.

Porter was slapped with a technical for protesting the warfare under the boards and Hunt, who was nine of 10 from the foul line for the night, swished the free throw. Berens then sank a short jumper off the inbounds play and SSC was suddenly up by a comfortable 12 point margin, 72-60, with 4:40 remaining. The Bobcats never got closer than 10 the rest of the way.

Juan Gabourel, ninth leading NCAA Division III scorer in the country, had for him an off night, managing 18 points on seven of 19 shooting from the field. Berens and Greg Sullivan added 16 each, Berens snaring a game high 11 rebounds.

Brian Walker and Porter had 14 and 13 points, respectively, for the Bobcats.

SSC plays host to Glassboro State Saturday night at 8 p.m.

Frostburg State	32	38—70
Salisbury State	38	46—84

FSC-Seker 9 1-2 19; Porter 4 5-6 13; Robinson 5 0-0 10; Savoy 5 0-1 10; Walker 7 0-0 14; Greeley 0 2-4 2; McLister 1 0-0 2. (Totals: 31 8-13 70)

SSC - Gabourel 7 4-5 18; Hunt 2 9-10 13; Berens 8 0-0 16; Capodanno 1 0-1 2; Sullivan 8 0-0 16; Jackson 3 1-2 7; Dickerson 2 0-0 4; Arnold 1 0-2 2; Garrison 2 0-1 4; Lake 0 2-2 2. (Totals: 34 16-23 84)

WHERE'S THE BALL? Frostburg State's Dave Porter (20) and Salisbury State's John Berens (52) watch this rebound go astray during the first half of their collegiate basketball game at SSC Wednesday night. Frostburg State's Michael Savoy (32) looks on. Salisbury State won its 11th game of the season with an 84-70 victory over the Bobcats. (Times Photo by Don Jensen)

Sea Gull Cagers Better

Prior to the season opener, the pundits had a field day at the expense of the Salisbury State basketball team. But considering the Sea Gulls' performance in 1978-1979, it was not surprising to overhear this analysis:

"Sea Gull basketball? Well they were 6-20 last year; unfortunately everyone's back."

The unfortunate ones now, however, appear to be Sea Gull opponents. SSC ran its record to 11-4 Wednesday night with an 84-70 homecourt win over cross-state rival Frostburg State, the Gulls second success over the Bobcats in less than a week.

Those were critical wins for Coach Ward Lambert's crew, despite the fact Frostburg State was weakened by the loss of its two top players. The Bobcats have traditionally counted SSC as a pair of Ws, boasting a 20-4 overall mark against the Gulls heading into this season. SSC's two triumphs this year were especially gratifying then.

Tonight's annual showdown with Glassboro State could be a turning point for the Gulls, as they start their stretch drive toward a goal that seemed unheard of at the start of the season: A berth in the NCAA Division III postseason tournament.

Glassboro State, with the loss of its top two players, was not expected to duplicate last season's 13-11 record. But the Profs are 8-7 going into tonight's 8 p.m. contest at Maggs Physical Activities Center and are playing their best ball of the season.

In their most recent outing Thursday night, the Profs dropped a narrow 76-70 decision at Jersey City State, the seventh rated Division III team in the country. Two nights earlier, Glassboro State knocked off high scoring William Paterson, 71-62, a team that raced past the Gulls 105-91 earlier this season. Len Burrell, a 6-foot-2 freshman, came off the bench to score 23 of his game high 27 points in the second half to lead the Profs past Paterson.

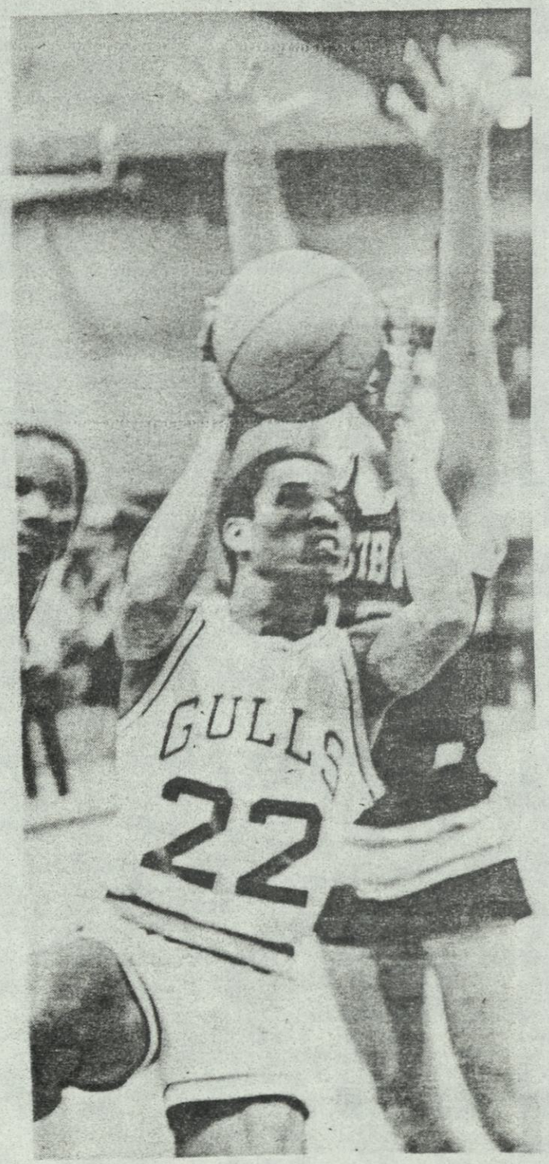
Glassboro State has three players averaging the double figure for the season. Junior guard Steve Selby (6-2, 185) leads the Profs with a 13.3 scoring average and dishes out four assists a contest. His backcourt partner, sophomore Kim Hughes (6-2, 175), carries a 9 point scoring mark and hands out three assists per game.

Senior forward Steve Skeie heads a balanced frontcourt attack with a 12.2 scoring mark, while center Otis Hicks, a 6-foot-4, 210 pound senior, nets 11 points a game and hauls down 8 rebounds a contest. Junior forward Chris Martin with a 7.5 scoring mark, completes Coach Ralph Saquella's starting lineup.

The Sea Gull frontcourt continues to supply the bulk of the offense. Starting forwards Juan Gabourel (6-3, 170, senior) and Jim Hunt (6-4, 190, center), and John Berens (6-5, 185, sophomore) are supplying 68 percent of the SSC scoring punch.

Gabourel, ninth leading scorer in NCAA Division III, is averaging 24 points a game, while Hunt adds 19 and Berens 14. Second guard Greg Sullivan boosted his scoring average to 8.3 with a 16 point effort against Frostburg State.

GULL NOTES...SSC has another rugged matchup Tuesday night at University of Maryland Baltimore County, a school that knocked off Division II power Hartwick in overtime earlier in the week ... after playing most of their schedule of the road thus far, the Gulls play six of their remaining 11 games at home, including the regular season finale against University of Maryland, Eastern Shore at the new Wicomico Youth and Civic Center February 26...Glassboro State administered an 83-70 setback to the Gulls last year.



EYEING THE BUCKET. Salisbury State's Morris Dickerson (22) eyes the basket during a recent game with Frostburg State at SSC. The Sea Gulls seek their 12th win of the season tonight when they play host to Glassboro State at 8 p.m. (Times Photo by Don Jensen)

Salisbury State Is Winning At 75 Percent Clip In Basketball

Four pressure free throws by im Hunt rallied Salisbury State a tie at the end of regulation, nd the Sea Gulls went on to post thrilling 76-73 overtime win ver visiting Glassboro State efore an estatic crowd of 1,500 aturday night.

The triumph, SSC's fourth traight, lifted the Gulls' ledger 12-4, three wins away from ring the school season record. nd equally important, for the econd consecutive contest, alisbury State defeated an opponent that has historically iven the Gulls fits.

Glassboro State owned a 14-2 ecord against SSC heading into aturday night's game. After he first 12 minutes of the second alf, it appeared certain victory o. 15 was a lock.

The 1979-80 Sea Gulls have hown, if nothing else however, a penchant for playing their finest basketball when the outlook is darkest.

A Chris Martin jumper with eight minutes to go gave the Profs a secure 58-46 advantage. Not secure enough, as things turned out though, as the determined defensive play of the smallest player on the court, 5-foot-9 Mark Jackson, and the assertive play of the powerfully built Hunt on the inside triggered the SSC comeback.

Hunt, 6-foot-4 senior captain of the Gulls, scored 10 of his game high 30 points in the contest's final six minutes. The Gulls, who trailed virtually the entire second half, got within a point, 63-62, with 2:29 left on a jumper by John Berens, but the Profs quickly ran their advantage back to four points on a field goal and a free throw.

Hunt made strong moves to the basket the next two Gull possessions and was fouled both times. He was not going up with his shot either time, however, and was thus burdened with the added pressure of converting both ends of a one-and-one.

He cooly responded, the second time with 42 seconds left, to give the Gulls their first deadlock since intermission. Both teams had opportunities to score in the game's final seconds but Jackson's jumper from inside the key at the buzzer was the nearest miss.

Glassboro again jumped out on top at the beginning of the five-minute overtime session, but Berens answered a Prof free throw with a turnaround jumper to give SSC its first lead in over 20 minutes of playing time. Otis Hicks, who paced the 8-8 Profs with 17 points, converted an offensive rebound to put Glassboro State on top again, but Hunt hit a baseline jumper with two minutes to go and SSC was ahead to stay, 70-69.

Glassboro State had a final opportunity to tie when Steve Skeie hit a corner jumper with Juan Gabourel draped over him with 15 seconds to go. But the Prof forward missed his free throw after SSC coach Ward Lambert gave him some added time to think about the shot by calling a timeout. Berens snared the rebound, was fouled, and hit both free throws and for the first time all night, the SSC faithful breathed a deep sigh of relief.

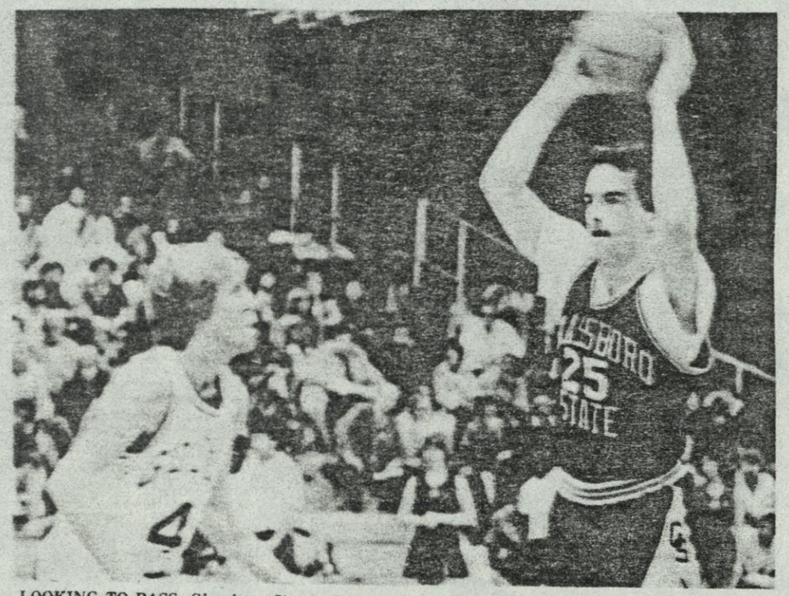
Hunt, who hit 10 of 12 shots from the field, and Berens led the Gulls on the boards with 11 rebounds each. Gabourel was three under his average with a 21 point effort.

Salisbury State tackles one of its toughest opponents of the season, University of Maryland - Baltimore County, in Baltimore Tuesday night. UMBC toppled Mount St. Mary's, the 10th ranked Division II school in the country, in overtime Saturday night.

Glass. State	33	33	7	—73
Sal. State	33	33	10	—76

GSC - Skeie 5 5-7 15; Martin 5 1-2 11; Hicks 8 1-2 17; Selby 5 5-8 15; Burrell 5 0-0 10; DiDomenico 0 1-3 1; James 1 0-0 2; Kavanaugh 1 0-0 2. (Totals: 30 13-22 73)

SSC - Gabourel 8 5-7 21; Hunt 10 10-14 30; Berens 4 2-2 10; Capodanno 1 2-2 4; Sullivan 1 0-0 2; Jackson 0 4-5 4; Dickerson 1 0-0 2; Garrison 1 1-2 3 (Totals: 26 24-32 76)



LOOKING TO PASS. Glassboro State's Steve Selby (25) looks to pass during Saturday night's basketball game at Salisbury State College. Defending on the play is SSC guard Paul Capodanno (4). The Sea Gulls improved their record to 12-4 under coach Ward Lambert with a thrilling 76-73 overtime victory against the Profs. (Times Photo by Bill See)

Win Streaks At SSC

Snapped

Nance Powers UMBC

BALTIMORE — Reggie Nance muscled in 23 points, grabbed eight rebounds and rejected five shots to pace high flying University of Maryland, Baltimore County to a 79-65 home court win over Salisbury State Tuesday night.

The loss snapped a four-game win string for the Sea Gulls, now 12-5. But despite the 14-point differential, SSC played the Division II powerhouse close the first 30 minutes.

The Gulls came storming back, however, outscoring the Retrievers 13-2 in the closing minutes of the half to cut the deficit to 38-35.

Juan Gabourel led the Gulls with 22 points, while Jim Hunt and John Berens added 14 each. Hunt yanked down a team high seven rebounds.

Rick Moreland totaled 12 points to go with his nine rebounds and four blocked shots. The Retrievers turned back 13 SSC shots during the evening and changed the trajectory on a number of others.

SSC (65)

Gabourel 10 2-2 22; Hunt 5 4-5 14; Berens 6 2-4 14; Sullivan 2 0-0 4; Jackson 2 1-2 5; Arnold 0 2-2 2; Lake 1 0-0 2. (Totals: 27 11-15 65).

UMBC (79)

Nance 9 5-5 23; Dodrill 5 1-1 11; Brooks 3 2-4 8; Mobley 5 0-0 10; Witheis 1 0-0 2; Holcomb 1 1-2 3; Moreland 5 2-3 12; Vines 0 2-2 2; Elliott 4 0-0 8. (Totals: 33 13-19 79).

Gabourel Out To Give SSC 13th Triumph

Last winter in St. Mary's City, Juan Gabourel was at his wonderful shooting best. Which is about as Juanderful as anyone can get with a roundball in hand and a basket in sight.

The all-time Sea Gull scoring machine blistered the nets for 45 points that frigid January night, including 15 of 16 from the foul line. St. Mary's Coach Donnie Bryan understandably has the greatest respect for Gabourel's scoring touch, yet the Saints' mentor expects Gabourel to score less in tonight's mat chup between the two Division III schools but make a bigger contribution to his team.

"Gabourel is more selective this year," said Bryan who had the opportunity to observe SSC in the Gull Classic in December. Gabourel tossed in 53 points and was the MVP as SSC captured the Classic with wins over John Jay and the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy (St. Mary's defeated John Jay in the consolation game to take third place).

"Juan plays with the team better this year," continued Bryan explaining why less (points) is often better (more wins). "Also, Salisbury is not totally dependent on one player this season."

In fact, Bryan voted for the Gulls' other starting forward, Jim Hunt, for MVP in the Classic. Hunt failed to even make the All-Classic team, but no one who has had a steady diet for Sea Gull basketball would deny the contributions made by the 6-foot-4, 190 pound senior captain from Annapolis.

Gabourel continues to rank among the Top 10 in the nation in scoring (23.6), but Hunt is making progress up the statistical scoring ladder. Hunt is averaging just below 20 points and 10 rebounds a contest, but a truer indication of his dedication to the team are the 19 charges he has taken this season.

Salisbury State, 12-5, goes into tonight's game on the heels of a 79-65 loss at University of Maryland-Baltimore County Tuesday evening, snapping a four game win streak. The Gulls battled the Division II power even up for 30 minutes before their poor shooting from the field finally caught up with them.

SSC shot an intimidated 35 percent (27 of 77) from the floor against UMBC as the Retrivers rejected 13 shots. SSC gets a second chance in short order, however, playing host to UMBC Tuesday night.

But before that, the Gulls must get past pesky St. Mary's then return home Saturday evening to meet Rutgers-Camden.

St. Mary's is just 5-10, but in their most recent outing the Saints dropped an overtime contest to Longwood, a Top 10 Division III school.

Six-foot - 3 sophomore forward Raynard Jones and 6-foot-6 senior center Tom Maleski do their best work under the boards, putting pressure on Hunt and SSC 6-foot-5 sophomore center John Berens. Jones set a Classic record with his two-day total of 26 rebounds.

An additional item of interest is the newest member of Bryan's coaching staff. Following the completion of his undergraduate studies at SSC in December, Tyrone Marshall gave up his post as assistant coach of the Sea Gulls to move home to St. Mary's County. It did not take long for the Gulls all - time percentage field goal shooter to regain a spot in the college coaching ranks.

GULL NOTES . . . Strayer College has dropped basketball, forcing the cancellation of the scheduled game with SSC on February 8. In place of that contest, SSC faces a road test at Rutgers-Newark on February 21. . . . With four more wins, SSC can eclipse the 1977-78 record for wins in a season, 15.

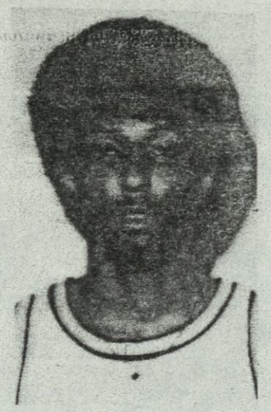
Win 13 Is Easy For SSC

ST. MARY'S CITY, Md. — Salisbury State raced to a 20-point halftime lead, upped the margin to 29 in the second half, then coasted to a 106-83 win over host St. Mary's Thursday night.

Juan Gabourel paced the Sea Gulls, 13-5, with 23 points, while Greg Sullivan hit a season high 17 and played what SSC Coach Ward Lambert termed, "his best game of the year."

The contest was tight for the first seven minutes, but the Gulls played excellent defense, controlled the boards and, as they did not night, hit practically everything they put up to take a comfortable 48-28 lead at intermission.

The second half was mostly a case of the Gulls running the lead up to 29, the Saints drawing within 20, then the Gulls putting on another spurt. SSC shot a season best 69 percent (40 for 58) from the floor, compared to a 33 percent (31 for 93) effort by the Saints, now 5-11.



Juan Gabourel

Tom Maleski led all scorers with a 28 point effort against the Sea Gulls. Bobby Hill added 20 points, while Jim Hunt had 15 points and 12 rebounds for the Gulls. John Berens totalled 14 points and Mark Jackson had 12 points for the Gulls who go for win No. 14 Saturday night at home against Rutgers-Camden.

Salisbury State	48	58	—106
St. Mary's	28	55	—83

SSC (106)

Capodanno 2 2-2 6; Sullivan 7 3-4 17; Dickerson 3 2-2 8; Hunt 5 5-5 15; Arnold 2 0-0 4; Lake 3 1-2 7; Gabourel 8 7-10 23; Jackson 3 6-9 12; Berens 7 0-0 14. (Totals: 40 26-34 106.)

SM (83)

Goodman 3 0-0 6; Hartzell 0 0-0 0; Hill 6 8-8 20; Jones 2 2-2 6; Littlejohn 1 0-0 2; Lewis 5 6-6 16; Maleski 12 4-7 28; Taylor 2 1-1 5. (Totals: 31 21-24 83).

SSC Out To Maintain Cage Momentum

Lambert's Gulls Host Rutgers-Camden

Ward Lambert is faced with a dilemma he must relish. Last season, the Salisbury State mentor agonized through a 6-20 campaign, and could hardly take any game for granted.

That could be his biggest problem tonight at 8 p.m. When the 13-5 Sea Gulls, coming off their finest shooting night of the season, face a Rutgers-Camden team they polished off twice last season. Adding to Lambert's welcome woes, the 7-9 Pioneers lost their most recent outing, 60-48 to Stockton State, a team SSC whipped soundly 97-74. And with the Universtiy of Maryland — Baltimore County lurking aroung the corner (Tuesday, 8 p.m., Maggs Physical Activities Center), the Gulls could be ripe for a upset. The travails of a winning coach.

Rutgers-Camden doesn't have a chance of taming the Sea Gulls if SSC shoots as accurately as it did Thursday night at St. Mary's. The Gulls missed only 18 of 58 shots (69 percent) in routing the Saints, 106-83, the Gulls highest point total of the year.

The Gull backcourt easily had its most productive night of the season with 43 points, paced by Greg Sullivan's season high of 17. If the Gull guards can continue to supply that kind of firepower, SSC will be that much tougher, because the frontline is going to score.

Jaun Gabourel, second in the state in scoring to Bowie State's Church Jackson, matched his average with a 23-point effort against the Saints. The 6-foot-3 senior forward snapped out of a mild slump, hitting 8 of 13 shots from the field. Senior captain Jim Hunt continues to have a hot hand, notching 15 points on five of seven shooting from the field and five of five from the four line.

Sophomore center John Berens continued his steady play with a 14 point performance. Berens, 6-foot-5, is averaging just under 14 point a contest, but his hallmark had been his consistency; in 18 games he has been under 10 points twice and over 20 points twice (21 on two occasions).

The Pioneers also rely on their frontcourt for the bulk of their scoring load. Eddie Daniel (6-3, 180, senior) is the only Pioneer in double figures with a 23.7 average. Fellow forward Marvin Young (6-3, 180, junior) and center Frank Riley (6-5, 195, senior) match up well with the Gulls.

SSC won both of last year's matchups handily, 111-80 at Camden. and 100-73 in Salisbury. The Schools have a rematch in New Jersey on February 23.

GULL NOTES... SSC continues to play exceptionally well on the road with a 9-3 mark at opponents' arenas.....Gabourel scored 62 points in two games against Rutgers-Camden last season....UMBC is currently ranked eighth in the country among MCAA Division II schools....SSC is 1-2 versus Division III ranked opponents thus far, losing to Jersey City State and Ohio Northern and whipping 15th ranked Western Maryland.

Sea Gulls Are Easy Winners Over Pioneers

Jim Hunt and Juan Gabourel combined for 45 points leading Salisbury State to an 82-66 win over Rutgers-Camden here Saturday night.

Hunt collected 23 and Gabourel 22. John Berens added 14 and grabbed 17 rebounds. Greg Sullivan netted 11 markers for SSC.

The Pioneers Lewis Daniel took game honors by canning 28 points. Only one other Pioneer scored in double figures and that was Nicholas Jones with 10.

SSC is now 14-5 and Rutgers-Camden fell to 7-10.

The Sea Gulls will host UMBC Tuesday night and will be looking to avenge a 79-65 setback handed to them by UMBC on January 29.

Rutgers-Camden (66)

Daniel 11 6-6 28, M. Young 2 2-4 6, Muller 1 2-2 4, Jones 5 0-0 10, Kane 2 1-1 5, Smith 1 0-0 2, Strawn 1 0-1 2, Switheyk 1 0-0 2, J. Young 1 5-7 7. (Totals: 25 16-22 66)

SSC (82)

Hunt 8 7-8 23, Gabourel 9 4-4 22, Berens 5 4-4 14, Capodanno 3 0-1 6, Sullivan 2 7-8 11, Jackson 0 1-2 1, Dickerson 2 0-2 4, Arnold 0 1-2 1. (Totals 29 24-31 82)

Halftime Score: SSC 29, R-C 28.

SSC Eyes Upset

Salisbury State can take a giant step toward earning a spot in the NCAA Division III playoffs with a win over the nation's eighth ranked Division II team University of Maryland - Baltimore County Tuesday at Maggs Physical Activities Center beginning at 8 p.m.

The Sea Gulls boosted their record to 14-5 Saturday evening with a homecourt 82-66 win over Rutgers-Camden and an upset victory Tuesday would equal the school season record for wins. But for that to happen, SSC must come up with its best effort of the season.

UMBC boosted its log to 17-2 with its 11th consecutive conquest Saturday night, a 57-56 win at Randolph-Macon. Reggie Nance, the 6-foot-6, 197 pound star forward for the Retrievers, sank the second of two free throws tries to snap a 56-all deadlock with two seconds remaining. But the Retrievers are a team that has played, and mostly won, the close ones all season. They are 3-1 in four overtime contests thus far.

Nance, averaging 18 points and eight rebounds a game, poured in 21 Saturday to lead the UMBC attack. Nance is the only Retriever with a double digit scoring average, however the remainder of the attack is well balanced.

Center Doug Dodrill (6-8, 220, senior) averages 8.9 points a game while the other front court starter, forward Page Elliott (6-5, 188, sophomore), sports a 6.7 scoring average. Freshman sensation Ricky Moreland (6-7, 195) carries a 8.9 scoring mark and is the second leading rebounder on the squad with a 7.6 average.

Like the Gulls, the Retrievers rely on their frontline for firepower. The top threat in the backcourt, Mike Withers (6-4, 175, freshman) is only averaging 5.5 points an outing. Point guard Jeff Brooks (5-10, 150, senior) dishes out almost five assists a game, though.

UMBC will be missing one of its top frontcourt reserves. Zena Calloway (6-4, 187, sophomore) reinjured his foot and will be lost for the season. In addition, center Tom Vines (6-7, 215, sophomore) is doubtful with a sprained ankle.

The Gulls are healthy, though, an itching for a rematch against a Retriever team that rejected SSC 79-65 a week ago in Baltimore. The Gulls had good success against the Rutgers-Camden zone Saturday and will have to achieve similar results against the Retrievers if they hope to score the upset. SSC had moderate success working the ball inside last week in Baltimore, but the Retrievers blocked 13 shots, five by Nance, so it is imperative the Gulls loosen up the UMBC zone with some timely outside shooting.

SSC hit just 35 percent for its shots from the field in the first contest and a repeat performance would surely doom the Gulls' upset hopes.

SSC Victory Flirt Vanishes

In Overtime To UMBC

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Salisbury State's Sea Gulls came within a whisker of upsetting favored University of Maryland-Baltimore County in regulation time before going gown to an 86-81 overtime defeat Tuesday at the Maggs Center in Salisbury.

With 30 seconds left in the second half Jim Hunt stole the ball at midcourt and drove all the way in for a layup that put the Gulls on top by 68-66. Juan Gabourel was fouled and and went to the free throw line to try to stretch the lead and put the game away. However, the usually reliable scoring ace missed the shot and Reggie Nance grabbed the rebound and went the length of the floor to tie the game with just two seconds remaining on the clock. After a time out SSC inbounded to Greg Sullivan, who let fly a long shot that bounced off the rim at the buzzer.

UMBC went right to work in the extra period as Ricky Moreland, who was the Retrievers high scorer with 21 points, scored twice from the low post and Juan Holcomb netted a driving layup to give the visitors a quick six point edge. Gabourel came back with two baskets for the Gulls, but Moreland hit again from underneath and Greg Mobley added another bucket to make the UMBC lead seven points at 79-72.

Gabourel again came back with two foul shots and another basket to cut the margin to 81-76 after Chris Farrell had hit twice from the foul line for the Retrievers. After Farrell made another free throw Hunt hit for the Gulls and John Berens canned a foul to make the score 82-79 with 15 seconds to play. Although Gabourel scored again, two free throws by Nancy and a slam by Holcomb closed out the victory for UMBC. It was UMBC's fourth overtime win of the year and brought their season record to 18-2 and extended their current winning streak to 12 in a row.

The contest had been close from the start and SSC more than held their own defensively while Hunt hit for 10 points in the first half with teammate Berens adding seven during that time. Trailing by a point with a half a minute left in the half Hunt drilled one in to lead 33-32. The Gulls got the ball back and held out for the last shot but failed to score.

UMBC seemed overanxious in the early going as they were getting several offensive rebounds but throwing up poor shots. Nance and Moreland scored six points each and four other UMBC players had four apiece.

The second half was also hard fought and SSC held a three point lead near the start of the period but UMBC came back to take the lead at 63-54 for the biggest margin of the night. The Gulls rallied to regain the lead only to have the half end at 68-all.

Hunt had a big evening for SSC scoring 26 points and clearing 10 boards to lead in both categories. Gabourel tallied 23 and Berens added 16 for the Gulls. Nance had 16 points behind Moreland and he also had 12 rebounds. The winners shot 36 for 72 from the floor and were 14 for 22 from the the line while SSC went 32 for 72 and hit 17 of 27 free throws.

The Gulls, now 14-6, will play Strayer on the road Friday.

UMBC	31	36	—18—86
SSC	33	35	—13—81

UMBC (86)

Nance 6 4-5 16; Dodrill 2 0-0 4; Moreland 10 1-2 21; Brooks 4 0-0 8; Elliott 4 0-1 8; Farrell 2 3-6 7; Mobley 1 0-0 2; Withers 5 1-2 11; Holcomb 2 5-6 9; (Totals: 36 14-22 86)

SSC (81)

Gabourel 10 3-4 23; Hunt 9 8-12 26; Berens 6 4-8 16; Capodanno 2 2-3 6; Sullivan 3 0-0 6; Arnold 1 0-0 2; Lake 1 0-0 2; (Totals: 32 17-27 81)

Salisbury State

Guns For 15th Triumph

It has been four days since the gallant Salisbury State basketball team played the nation's sixth ranked NCAA Division II dead even for 40 minutes of some of the most intense basketball witnessed on the Shore. The Sea Gulls eventually lost to the University of Maryland — Baltimore County in overtime, 86-81, but their heroic effort won over any skeptics about the quality of Coach Ward Lambert's 1979-80 squad, the best in school history.

For the first time the Gulls received votes in the balloting for the NCAA Division III Top 15 for two consecutive weeks. And a win tonight at 8 p.m. in Lexington, Va. would equal the school record for wins and seemingly merit a third successive week on the honorable mention roll.

How the heartbreak of Tuesday effects the play of the Gulls at Washington & Lee is uppermost on Lambert's mind at present, however.

"The loss (to UMBC) was extremely disappointing," said Lambert, speaking for his players as well as himself. "We will either play super or terrible. But based on our practices the last two days, I think it'll be super."

For the Gulls to improve on their 14-6 record, though, they must overcome a seriously depleted backcourt. Sophomore Mark Jackson left the team on the eve of the UMBC game for personal reasons and junior Morris Dickerson received a two-game disciplinary suspension at the same time (making the Gull effort against the Retrievers all the more amazing).

The loss of his top two backcourt reserves forced Lambert to move forward Juan Gabourel (23.4 ppg) to wing guard at times to give the starting tandem of Paul Capodanno and Greg Sullivan a breather. With Capodanno bedded down with the flu on the eve of the squad's trip to Virginia, the bulk of the ball-handling load now falls on Sullivan, a heavy 5-foot-11 junior from Washington, D. C.

Sullivan returned to the team this season after a year's layoff, and while his individual statistics are not overly impressive (8.2 ppg, 2.5 assists a game) the most important team statistic seems to reflect a measure of his contribution. The Gulls returned four starters from the 1978-79 team that finished 6-20: Capodanno, Gabourel, Jim Hunt and John Berens. Sullivan is the lone addition to the starting lineup which is currently eight game over .500.

SSC has its work cut out for itself at Washington & Lee, however, despite the Generals' lackluster 9-11 ledger. W & L has won four of its last six games, including an 80-73 verdict at Emory Henry Thursday night; but more importantly is 7-3 on its homecourt.

Senior forward Tom Jeffries paces the Generals with a 14.7 scoring average and a 7.4 rebound mark. Four other players average between 8.2 and 9.0 points a contest, evidence the Gulls cannot devote their entire attention to Jeffries. Also, center Rob Smitherman, averaging 8.8 points and 6.8 rebounds a game, is an intimidating defensive player with 20 blocked shots thus far.

GULL NOTES . . . . The SSC frontcourt continues to supply the firepower, Gabourel, Hunt (19.6 ppg) and Berens (13.7 ppg) providing 68 percent of the scoring punch . . . . The Gulls and Generals share one common opponent. SSC scored a road win at York 81-71, while W & L notched a homecourt win over the Pennsylvania school 65-55 . . . . Coincidentially, York provides the Gulls with their next test, Saturday, February 16 at Maggs Physical Activities Center at 8 p.m. . . . Admission for the SSC vs. University of Maryland - Eastern Shore game at the Wicomico County Youth and Civic Center is $3 for adults and $1 for all students (Tuesday, February 26, 8 p.m.).

Salisbury State Is Loser In Overtime

LEXINGTON, Va. — Salisbury state blew an eight - point lead in the final 1:35 of overtime as the Sea Gulls dropped a tough 84-83 decision to Washington & Lee Saturday night here in college basketball action.

The Sea Gulls, who fell to 14-7 on the year under veteran coach Ward Lambert, appeared to be well on their way to a victory until faulty free throw shooting led to their downfall.

Salisbury State soared to a ngly safe 83-75 advantage with only 95 seconds left in the overtime period until the roof caved in. The Sea Gulls missed four one-and-one foul shooting attempts that allowed the Generals to get back into the game.

With just nine seconds left on the clock, Washington's Washington & Lee's Clark New pulled the Generals within 83-82 by sinking a free throw. The Generals promptly intercepted a Sea Gull length-of-the-court pass and Brian Hanson sank a jump shot at the buzzer to send Salisbury State home on a losing note.

Ironically, it was Hanson who got the Generals into overtime by putting in a bucket with 53 seconds left in regulation to knot the game at 73-73. A Paul Capodanno shot at the buzzer was off the mark and both teams huddles for their ovettime strategy.

Washington & Lee was ready at the outset of the contest, sprinting to a 12-1 lead before Salisbury State regrouped. The Sea Gulls started to play inspired ball and took a 25-24 lead with 7:02 left in the first half.

Both clubs then swapped buckets the rest of the way as the Generals managed a 41-40 halftime lead.

Four Washington & Lee scorers hit in double figures. Hanson led the way with 24 points. Rob Smitherman added 18, New 13, and R.J. Scaggs 10.

Three Salisbury State players scored in twin figures. SSC all - time leading scorer Juan Gabourel blistered the nets for a game - high 31 points. John Berens contributed 26 points and Greg Sullivan a dozen. Jim Hunt was held to only four points by Washington & Lee.

Salisbury State entertains York College Saturday at 8 p.m. in its next tussle. The Sea Gulls defeated Yorl in their final confrontation.

Washington & Lee is now 10-11 on the year.

Scoring:

SSC	40	33	10—83
W&L	41	32	11—84

SSC (83)

Gabourel 12 7-8 31; Hunt 2 0-0 4; Berens 11 4-6 26; Capodanno 1 1-3 3; Sullivan 6 0-2 12; Arnold 0 1-2 1; Garrison 0 2-2 2; Lake 2 0-0 4; (Totals: 34 15-23 83)

W&L (84)

Spears 3 0-0 6; Hanson 11 2-3 24; New 6 1-3 13; Smitherman 7 4-4 18; Jeffries 3 2-2 3; Scaggs 5 0-2 10; Petterson 2 0-0 4; Jaffe 0 1-2 1; (Totals: 37 10-16 84)

Refuel SSC Hopes

National Rankings

Sea Gulls Recognized By Pollsters

Just when Salisbury State's drive for a spot in NCAA Division III postseason tournament seemed to be stalled by the Gulls most recent outing, a disheartening 84-83 overtime loss at Washington & Lee, their hopes have been refueled by the most recent national rankings.

No, the Gulls have not achieved that first ever breakthrough, cracking the nation's Top 15. But more importantly to Coach Ward Lambert, in his his 10th year as the SSC mentor, the Gulls maintained their honorable mention status despite losing a pair of games last week, the second 86-81, also in overtime, to University of Maryland-Baltimore County, the sixth ranked team in Division II.

Historically, at year's end, the majority of the teams receiving votes from the coaches and athletic directors at NCAA Division III schools across the country for the Top 15 earn berths in postseason play. Thirty-two teams are selected on Sunday, February 24 and if SSC (14-7) can win its four games in an eight day stretch beginning tonight against visiting York (Maggs Physical Activities Center, 8 p.m.), the dream that seemed derailed in Lexington, Va., last Saturday night might yet be fulfilled.

No Salisbury State basketball team has ever participated in postseason NCAA play. And for essentially the same cast that posted a 6-20 ledger to make the select 32 would indeed be a significant accomplishment.

Renewed hope, however, does not necessarily snap a two-game losing streak. The Gulls must bounce back from their poiseless play at Washington & Lee where four missed bonus free throw opportunities and a botched inbounds pass in the waning seconds allowed the Generals to overcome an eight point deficit in the game's final 1:39.

Still, the breakdown may have been inevitable after the SSC's sterling performance in defeat four nights earlier to UMBC. The Gulls must return to the level of play if they entertain any realistic thoughts of stamping themselves as legitimate contenders for the National Championship.

Juan Gabourel's 31 points at W & L upped his season scoring average to 23.7, but the senior sharpshooter could not completely make up for fellow forward Jim Hunt's disastrous evening. Hunt managed just two field goals, was in constant foul trouble and ultimately fouled out with nine seconds left. The Gulls are a different team when their strongman senior captain is not muscling inside to convert his teammates' misses into baskets.

Sophomore center John Berens picked up much of Hunt's slack with 26 points and 12 rebounds, boosting his season totals to 14.3 ppg and 8.9 rpg. Hunt remains the leading rebounder with a 9.6 average and is scoring at a 19.6 clip.

York brings a 9-13 record into Maggs Center as well as an unpleasant memory of the two schools' previous meeting this season. York raced to a 45-26 lead over the visiting Gulls in that November 29 season opener for both squads, but the Gulls, staged argueably their finest comeback ever to win going away, 81-71.

Guard Ken Riddick tops Spartans with a 20.4 scoring average. He tallied 21 to tie Gabourel and Berens for game high honors in the earlier game. Riddick's backcourt partner, freshman Cornell Chappell (10.3 ppg), is the only other Spartan in double figures consistently. Junior center Al Moyer, just 6-foot-2, is the top rebounder with a 7.6 average.

The Gulls play three games next week, beginning with their third meeting with St. Mary's this season (SSC won both previous games). Thursday SSC travels to Rutgers-Newark, then Saturday the Gulls are at Rutgers — Camden. And if all goes well, it becomes sweaty palm time as Lambert sits by the phone hoping for that first ever call from NCAA headquarters in Shawnee Mission, Kansas on February's last Sunday.

GULL notes... The highly respected Dunkel Ratings based on how much you outscore your opponent and the caliber of your oppoent, list SSC at 37.7. That is a decimal point higher than both Western Maryland and Longwood (Va.), both ranked among the Top 15 much of the season... York completes a three-game road trip Saturday night, losing the first two earlier in the week to Lycoming and Juniata...The Gulls season ending contest with University of Maryland, Eastern Shore, (Tuesday, Feb. 26, Wicomico County Youth and Civic Center) will have no bearing on SSC's postseason changes. All tournament participants will be selected the preceding Sunday.

Gabourel's 27 Paces SSC Win

Four of the five Salisbury State starters netted double figures as the Sea Gulls blitzed visiting York College here Saturday night 85-76.

All-time leading scorer Juan Gabourel, who needs but 18 points to hit the 2,000 mark, tossed in a game high 27 points. Greg Sullivan followed with 20 and Jim Hunt and John Berens added 17 each for the winners who shot a sizzling 60 percent from the field.

SSC threatened to blow York out early, but some sloppy first half play saw the visitors rally in the final two minutes of the first half to tie the Gulls at 40 at the intermission.

SSC had built up a 13 point first half lead, despite 13 first half turnovers.

Hunt pulled down 14 rebounds for the winners and Berens gathered in 12 as SSC improved its record to 15-7 on the season while York fell to 9-14.

SSC will entertain St. Mary's College Tuesday night.

York (76)

Riddick 11 2-2 24; Chappell 8 0-0 16; Crawford 3 1-2 7; Forbes 2 0-0 4; Kopko 2 1-2 5; Morris 3 0-0 6; Johnson 7 0-0 14: (Totals: 36 4-6 76)

SSC (76)

Gabourel 12 3-6 27; Hunt 6 5-5 17; Berens 8 1-2 17; Sullivan 6 8-9 20; Capodanno 1 1 2-3 4: (Totals: 33 19-25 85)

Halftime, 40-40.

Salisbury State Shooting For 16th Win Of Season

It is "Sweet 16" night at Maggs Physical Activities Center tonight for the Salisbury State basketball team. At 8 p.m. the Sea Gulls play host to St. Mary's and two milestones seem likely to fall.

No Salisbury State squad has ever won more than 16 games in a season, but the 1979-80 Gulls (15-7) appear likely to set new standard when they go after their second win of the season against the Saints (8-13). SSC put together its most awesome scoring show of the season at St. Mary's 19 days ago 106-82.

Juan Gabourel matched his season scoring average with 23 points in that lopsided victory and, with 16 points tonight, can become the first Gull to reach the career 2,000 point plateau. The 6-foot-3 senior forward carries a 23.8 scoring mark into the contest, ninth best in NCAA Division III.

The Gulls are coming off an 85-76 win over York on Saturday night. It was hardly their most impressive effort of the campaign, but the Gulls bounced back from a lackluster first half (tied at 40-all) with 18 of 28 shooting from the floor in the second stanza to snap their two-game losing streak, both over-time losses.

Jim Hunt and John Berens dominated play underneath against York, combining for 26 rebounds. The Spartans managed only 27 individual rebounds.

With a post-season berth in the NCAA Division III still a possibility, the Gulls must win their three games this week, all against Division III schools.

The Gulls have compiled a 13-4 ledger against Division III opponents thus far, their only losses coming to third ranked Jersey City State, sixth ranked Ohio Northern and two road losses to William Paterson and Washington & Lee. Another loss in their division, though, would surely dash the Gulls' playoff hopes.

St. Mary's is paced by center Tom Maleski, forward Raynard Jones and guard Bobby Hill. All three consistently hit double figures, Maleski scoring 28 and Hill 20 in the schools' first matchup.

The Gulls complete perhaps the most important week in their cage history with road games at Rutgers-Newark on Thursday and Rutgers-Camden on Saturday.

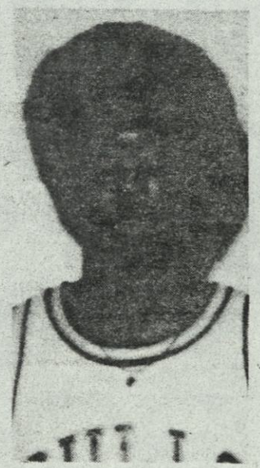
Juan Goes Over 2,000 In Setback

Daryl McCrea hit an 18-foot jumper from the side of the key with three seconds remaining to lift visiting St. Mary's College to a 75-73 win over Salisbury State Tuesday night, silencing the Sea Gulls post-season aspirations.

The loss, which dropped the Gulls seasons ledger to 15-8, undershadowed Juan Gabourel's significant career achievement when the SSC senior forward leaned into a jumper from inside the key to become the first Gull to go over the 2,000 point mark. That basket gave SSC its biggest advantage of the night, a four point lead, 69-65, with 5:24 to play.

St. Mary's repeatedly cut the deficit to two points, but each time the Gulls answered with a basket of their own, a John Berens field goal boosting the SSC lead to 73-69 with 2:52 left.

Tom Maleski cut the lead to two and, following a Gull miss, Darrell Goodman hit his first field goal after six misses to knot the score at 73-all with 1:59 left. Gull Coach Ward Lambert signaled for the Gulls to run the clock down, a task they did almost too well.



Juan Gabourel

With 59 second to go, Gabourel was fouled by the over-anxious Saints and went to the line in the one-and-one situation. But SSC's best marksman from the charity stripe missed the first shot, St. Mary's grabbed the rebound, and went into its own spread offense. With 14 second left, the Saints called their final timeout to set up the last second play.

Everyone in the crowd expected senior guard Bobby Hill to take the shot, since the junior guard had already convered 9 of 13 shots and led all scorers with 21 points. But with six seconds showing on the scoreboard clock, Hill passed across court to McCrea, open from 20 feet at the left hand side of the key.

The sophomore had hit only 1 of 8 shots up until that moment, but he stepped in to his jumper and the ball hit nothing but net as it swished through. Jim Hunt's desperation heave from midcourt at the buzzer was off the mark and the Saints and avenged an earlier 106-82 trouncing by the Gulls at St. Mary's.

Berens led the Gulls with 20 points, while Gabourel totaled 19 (2,003 for his career) and Hunt 14.

Raynard Jones had 19 and Tom Maleski 15 for the Saints, now 9-13.

SSC travels to Rutgers-Newark Thursday night.

St. Mary's	42	33—75
SSC	43	30—73

ST. MARY'S - Jones 9 1-1 19; Maleski 7 1-2 15; Coad 5 0-0 10; Hill 9 3-4 21; Littlejohn 1 0-0 2; Goodman 1 2-2 4; Lewis 0 0-0 0; McCrea 2 0-0 4. (Totals: 34 7-9 75)

SSC - Gabourel 7 5-8 19; Hunt 4 6-6 14; Berens 9 2-4 20; Sullivan 5 0-0 10; Capodanno 2 2-2 6; Arnold 1 0-1 2; Garrison 0 0-0 0; Dickerson 0 2-2 2. (Totals: 28 17-23 73)

Salisbury State Stung By Wells, Rutgers-Newark

NEWARK, N. J. —, Victor Wells poured in 39 points to lift host Rutgers - Newark to an 89-80 win over Salisbury State Thursday night, the Sea Gulls' second straight setback in their attempt to set a new season record for victories.

SSC, which trailed 42-33 at the half, led only once in the second period, 62-61 with 9:48 to go after a long range jumper by Greg Sullivan. The Scarlet Raiders quickly built the lead back up and held a 75-68 advantage with 3:48 left.

The Gulls rallied smartly, however, as two free throws by John Berens, a basket by Paul Arnold and a tip - in by Berens closed the gap to one point 30 seconds later. The host school scored the next five points, though, and SSC was forced to resort to fouling and hope the Raiders missed. They didn't, hitting six straight foul shots down the stretch to solidfy the win.

Wells, a 6 - foot - 1 forward, tallied 23 points in the opening half as Rutgers - Newark (10-12) broke away in the final 10 minutes to take that nine point lead at intermission. Wells also pulled down 12 rebounds. Teammate Tim Coleman added 17 points.

Juan Gabourel paced the Gulls (15-9) with 26 points. Four teammates also hit double figures, Jim Hunt with 15, Morris Dickerson with 13, and Berens and Sullivan with 10 each. Berens was the top rebounder with seven.

The Gulls travel to Rutgers-Camden Saturday night.

Salisbury State	33	47	—80
Rutgers-Newark	42	47	—89

SSC - Gabourel 12 2-3 26; Hunt 7 1-2 15; Berens 4 2-3 10; Sullivan 3 0-0 10; Dickerson 6 1-2 13; Arnold 2 0-1 4; Lake 1 0-1 2. (Totals: 37 6-12 80.)

R-N-Wells 17 5-8 39; Basile 5 2-2 12; Pangales 4 1-2 9; Coleman 8 1-3 17; Nuziale 0 2-2 2; Defronzo 4 2-6 10. (Totals: 38 13-23 89.)

Sea Gulls Lose By 75-71

RUTGERS, N.J. — Salisbury State was foiled once again in its bid to set a new school mark by winning 16 games in a year as Rutgers - Camden beat the Sea Gulls 75-71 Saturday night.

Eddie Daniel paced the Pioneers by sizzling the cords for 32 points, John Young netted 18 and Bob Kane tossed in a dozen. The Pioneers are 10-14 on the cage campaign.

Juan Gabourel led the Gulls with 20 markers, Jim Hunt rimmed in 12 and John Berens cashed in 10 tallies.

SSC saw its seasonal mark slip to 15-10 and fishes the year Tuesday night by playing the University of Maryland - Eastern Shore at the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center. The game will start at 8 p.m.

SSC (71)

Gabourel 9 2-3 20, Hunt 4 4-4 12, Berens 4 2-2 10, Capodanno 3 0-0 6, Sullivan 2 1-2 5, Dickerson 3 0-0 6, Arnold 1 0-0 2, Garrison 3 0-0 6, Lake 2 0-0 4. (Totals: 31 9-11 71)

Rutgers - Camden (75)

Daniel 14 4-7 32, M. Young 4 0-0 8, Riley 2 0-1 4, Moore 1 0-1 2, Jones 0 1-3 1, Kane 6 0-0 12, J. Young 7 2-2 16, Watkins 0 0-1 0. (Totals: 34 7-14 75)

Cage Countdown Begins

SSC, UMES Eye Civic Center Battle

Both teams were relagated to sub-.500 seasons back in November, but the regular season finale between Salisbury State and Maryland Tuesday at the Civic Center at 8 p.m. Eastern Shore pits a pair of squads with first class credentials.

SSC, (15-10), in its quest for a season record 16 wins, dropped a 75-71 decision to Rutgers-Camden Saturday night, while UMES lost to Delaware State 90-73 the same evening.

The Sea Gulls, with essentially the same cast that last year finished 6-20, including 79-72 and 96-78 losses to UMES, were in the running for a post-season NCAA Division III playoff berth before collasping. At one point, the Gulls were racing along with a 14-5 slate and, with a break, envisioned a 20 win season.

But an 86-81 overtime loss to Division II playoff bound Maryand-Baltimore County put the brakes on a basketball Cinderella story and started the Gulls on the road to a nice but not nice enough campaign. The Gulls have now dropped four of their last five games following the UMBC disappointment.

The Gulls' offensive success all year has hinged on their ability to work the ball inside to Jim Hunt and John Berens, or to high-scoring Juan Gabourel for 12-foot jumpers.

However, SSC has had difficulties putting the ball in the hoop all year. The Gulls excellent showing through 19 games was due to their improved defense rather than a hot hand on offense. SSC opponents have been shooting much better from the field of late, an indication that some of the Gulls' zest for the dirty defensive work may be lacking.

Against a talented Hawk squad with a decided advantage in leaping ability on the front line, the Gulls must rediscover their missing defensive enthusiasm if they are to snap their current three-game losing streak to the Hawks, who lead the series 4-3.

Tickets for the game are $3 for adults and $1 for students.

Rivalry Showdown Is Nearing For SSC-UMES

They celebrated into the wee hours that wintry night, toasting the biggest and best Christmas present imaginable. National recognition was just around the corner, but Princess Anne couldn't imagine anything topping this. The reveiry reverberated throughout Hawk Country. UMES had won the showdown. Decisively!

At the start of the 1971-72 basketball season, both Salisbury State Coach Ward Lambert, in his second year, and Maryland, Eastern Shore Coach John Bates, in his first, knew their teams would be good that season, maybe very good. The time seemed right, at last, to settle Eastern Shore college basketball supremacy.

It was not all that cut and dried, though. The two teams were not out-and-out scheduled to meet that season. But, on the eve of the second annual Civic Center Holiday Basketball Tournament, few doubted the two local teams would meet in the December 28 final.

The Wicomico County Youth and Civic Center drew a near capacity crowd the first night, December 27, 1971, as the Sea Gulls, the second seed, upped their record to 5-2 with a narrow 73-72 win over Western Maryland as Gilbert Jenkins tossed in 21 points. In the second game, UMES crunched Trenton State, 79-59, to lift the Hawk's ledger to 6-1. The long awaited, first time matchup was assured.

UMES was a heavy favorite the next night with a cast that included Talvin Skinner, who later toured with the Harlem Globetrotters. In fact, Skinner, Ruben Collins, William Gordon and Tommy Nelson would be four of the five starters two seasons later on the Hawk squad that played in the National Invitatinal Tournament at Madison Square Garden.

Also on that 1971-72 team was a junior guard from Somerset County named Kirkland Hall, strictly a reserve ballplayer. His sport was baseball, anyway.

Kirk Hall, now in his second season as the UMES basketball coach, will lead the Hawks into the new Civic Center Tuesday night for the eighth renewal (UMES leads 4-3) of the 70s most tempestuous college cage rivalry on the Shore. In 1968, however, Hall almost matriculated at Salisbury State. He was a basebal player first and foremost and wanted to play for SSC baseball Coach Deane Deshon. But "Little Kirk Hall", as he was tabbed by the local media, opted for UMES where he could play both basketball and baseball. He recalled that "first meeting" last week with a chuckle.

"Salisbury had a pretty good team that year," recalled Hall, not needing to mention that UMES was a pretty fair country team itself. "Since it was the first time the two schools had ever met, everyone was especially motivated. I think it was the best game we played all season."

Lambert would not disagree with that assessment. It was 68-49 in favor of the Hawks at halftime and they eventually won 136-93.

"We actually played very well," said Lambert, "very, very well in fact. They were just awesome, a whole different league."

Lance Lewandowski, now a teacher at Parkside High School, agrees: "Coach Lambert told me if I held their center (Bryant) under six points in the first half, we would be in the game," laughed Lewandowski. "I held him to three points (Bryant eventually finished with 19), but it was never close.

"We went into the game hoping we could stay with them," continued Lewlandowski. "Hoping, but knowing they were a super team."

One of the stars of the opening 20 minutes that erased any doubts over which was the superior team was Kirkland Hall, who scored 10 of his 12 points in the first half.

"My best half in my college career," said Hall bemusedly. "I made all five shots I took."

Fortunately not everyone was as unerring as Hall that night, otherwise the scoreboard would not have taken the strain. The 15-second clock was evidently operational, as both teams took an aggregate 230 shots, 126 by UMES.

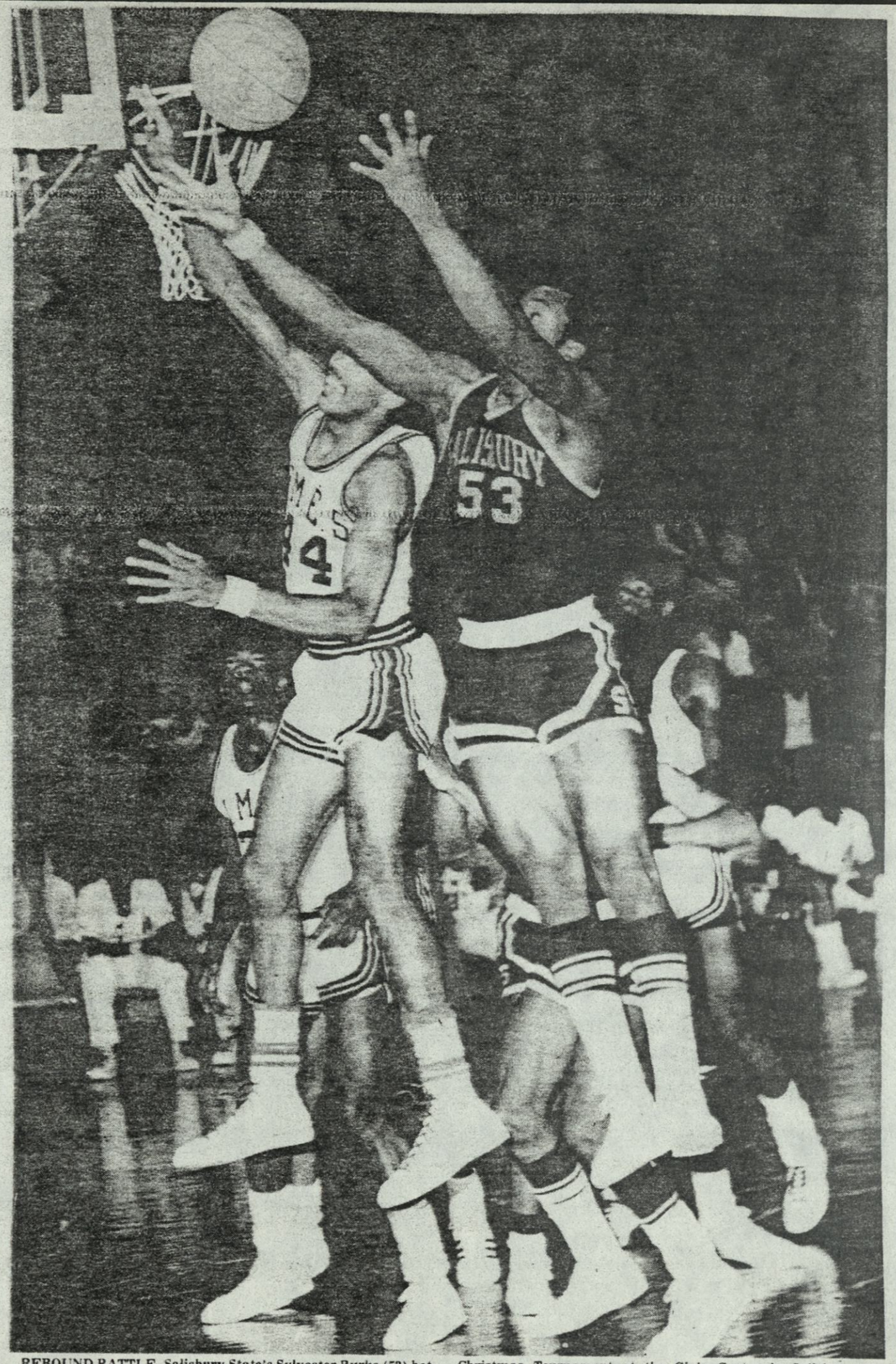
"A lot of runnin' and gunnin'," as Lambert put it. "You must say we were overmatched."

The final score, however, said more about the talent on UMES and the successes to come than a knock on the Sea Gulls. Led by Milt Purnell, Duke Wright and Jenkins, nos. 7, 8 and 11 on the SSC all-time scoring chart, the Gulls posted a 14-12 record that season, their best mark ever to that point.

While the final outcome was not particularly shocking, consiering the naturally rivalry in this first time meeting between the two schools, the capacity crowd surprised a few doubters by its mannerly behavior.

Jack Smith and Don Miller were the officials that night, and Miller for one had to pause before recalling the game. He admitted things being rather tense beforehand, but the game rolled along fairly incident-free.

Miller expects the same conditions to prevail Tuesday night. He'll be there, of course, paired with Jack Smith. Who else did you think would officiate the first meeting between UMES and SSC at the new Civic Center?



REBOUND BATTLE. Salisbury State's Sylvester Burke (53) battles with University of Maryland-Eastern Shore's Jackie Bryant (44) for this rebound during the schools' first ever meeting in a Christmas Tournament at the Civic Center in Salisbury in December, 1971. SSC and UMES renew their rivalry Tuesday night. (Times File Photo)

UMES Takes Stroll As Sea Gulls Prevail

By RICK CULLEN
Times Sports Editor

Kirkland Hall removed the Maryland - Eastern Shore basketball team from the court with 7:46 remaining and trailing Salisbury State, 66-55 after a new donnybrook threatened to erupt into major proportions at the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center Tuesday night.

"For the first time in my coaching career I wasn't able to control my kids," commented the UMES coach just moments after the incident which saw objects thrown onto the court and at the officials, Jack Smith and Don Miller.

"I was afraid my kid was going to hit the official and I won't jeopardize the kid's career," Hall said. "I apologize to the fans for my team."

The contest, a natural rivairy, was seething with emotion. Last year at about this same time the two clubs met at Princess Anne. UMES overcame a huge deficit and rallied in the final seconds to eke out the victory. Salisbury State officials chided the officiating down the stretch.

The incident was triggered when Steve Hay of UMES was whistled for his fourth foul on a rebound attempt. Hay objected vehemently and refused to relinguish the ball to the official. Words were exchanged and several of Hay's teammates began pulling him away from the official. Hay was called for his fifth foul via the "technical" route and in anger tossed a towel, striking Miller on the back. Hall then made the move to clear his players from the court.

The UMES grandstands emptied quickly. There were shouts of obscenities mostly directed at the officials, and one shoving incident. No punches were thrown, however. The crowd was estimated at about 2,500.

"We're disappointed," remarked Salisbury State Coach Ward Lambert. "I'd like to have beaten them in 40 minutes. We were leading by six points and pushed it up to 10 and the momentum was on our side. We had a great shot." Lambert said.

The victory was SSC's 16th of the season, a school record. "It's a tough way to win, but I guess we'll take it, "remarked the coach on the season finale.

Lambert also said he has seen worse officiating during his long career.

The two veteran officials, described by many as the "best tandem in the area," called a loose game, allowing the teams to play.

UMES Athletic Director Jim Kehoe said, "I thought the officiating was very poor but I don't condone our team leaving the floor." Kehoe said he was going to make every possible effort. to patch up relations with SSC, but that might just be "mission impossible."

Moments after the game Dr. K. Nelson Butler, chairman of the Department of Physical Education at SSC said, "We are not going to play that bunch again."

An interesting sidebar to the story was the fact that SSC had 12 fouls to 11 whistled at UMES. The timing of the UMES calls were crucial with the Hawks cutting a 20 point deficit to just five (56-51) at about the 10 minute mark.

SSC was awesome in the first half, hitting 58 percent of its shots while UMES managed but 27 percent. The Sea Gulls won the inside battle through the first 20 minutes also. The game SSC outrebounded UMES 36-32.

SSC's inside game was the key with forwards Juan Gabourel and John Berens along with center Jim Hunt. The big three kept the Hawks outside. Hunt led all scorers with 19 points while Gabourel had 16 and Berens 12, along with a high nine rebounds.

Crisfield's Jerry Carter spark the UMES surge with three 15 - foot jumpers. Carter finished with dozen while Alan Faulks led the Hawks with 15. Hay contributed a dozen points and 12 rebounds.

UMES (55)

Barkley 2 0-0 4; Faulks 6 3-3 15; Hay 4 4-7 12; Riley 1 2-2 4; Shelly 3 0-0 6; Carter 6 0-0 12; Haskins 1 0-0 2 (Totals: 23 8-11 55)

SSC (66)

Gabourel 6 4-6 16; Hunt 7 5-6 19; Berens 6 0-1 12; Sullivan 1 1-2 3; Capodanno 3 0-1 6; Dickerson 3 0-0 6; Garrison 2 0-0 4 (Totals: 28 10-16 66)

Halftime: SSC 45-32.

OH NO YOU DON'T!!! Salisbury State College guard Paul Capodanno (left) keeps the ball away from the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore's Mario Barkley (30) during the opening half of their basketball game at the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center Tuesday night in Salisbury. Salisbury State led from start to finish and claimed a 66-55 victory over the Hawks, who walked off the court with 7:46 to go in the second half. (Times Photo By Don Jensen)

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